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Abenaki Denounce 9/11 Flag Memorial Vandalism

SHIREMAN-GRABOWSKI EXPLAINS ACTIONS

By Emily Singer

In the five hours between the defacement of the College's Sept. 11 memorial outside of Mead Chapel and its reconstruction, both The Campus and middbeat posted brief online articles on the incident, accompanied by the same photograph. In it, a young woman with a red bandana in her hair places a handful of small flags, symbols of a joint effort between the College Republicans and College Democrats to commemorate the 2,977 lives lost in the terror attacks, in a large, nearly full black

It was only a matter of minutes before commenters on middbeat, and later The Campus, recognized the face of one of the College's most passionate student activists, Anna Shireman-Grabowski '14.5 as the woman with the red bandana, irrevocably linking her to the incident.

Word of Shireman-Grabowski's involvement spread rapidly across campus, primarily by means of Facebook posts, and shortly before midnight on Sept. 11, she issued a statement to middbeat taking credit for the incident and explaining her actions.

"Today I chose to act in solidarity with my friend, an Indigenous woman and a citizen of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy who was appalled to see the burial grounds of another Indigenous nation desecrated by piercing the ground that their remains lay beneath," wrote Shireman-Grabowski.

"I understand that this action is confusing and painful for many in my community. I don't pretend to know if every action I take is right or justified - this process is multilayered and nuanced. I do know that colonialism has been - and continues to be - a real and destructive force in the world that we live in. And for me, to honor life is to support those who struggle

Shireman-Grabowski explicitly stated that members of the "local Abenaki community should in no way be implicated in [the] events," an assertion she reinforced in a follow-up statement published to middbeat, submitted on the evening of Sept. 13.

"I want to take a chance to further clarify that this action did not happen on behalf of, in consultation with, or in connection to, local Abenaki communities," she wrote. "That was a mistake. I take responsibility for the hurt I caused by implicating Abenaki communities in my actions. I want to apologize for the negative and unfair consequences these events might have on communities of which I am not a member."

The actions of Shireman-Grabowski and three others were inspired by fellow protester Amanda Lickers, who herself is not Abenaki, a group related to the Algonquians, but rather a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, also known as the Iroquois Confederacy.

Lickers was brought to campus by Shireman-Grabowski to participate in a workshop titled "Settler Responsibility and Decolonization," held at noon on Wednesday. Sept. 11. As described in an article published by the Addison Independent, it was at the workshop that Lickers was informed that the College was the site of an Abenaki burial ground. After discovering the presence of the flags on campus grounds, Lickers made a spontaneous decision to remove them out of respect for the Abenaki.

The College, however, has no proof of sharing land with the

"It has never been suggested that this is a Native American burial ground," Director of Public Affairs Sarah Ray told mainstream media outlets.

"Native Americans have lived

in the Champlain Valley for over 12,000 years." wrote Associate Professor of History William B. Hart in a formal statement to The Campus. Hart added that while former seasonal Abenaki encampments near Brandon and Vergennes hold fragmentary mortuary remains of apparent families, "to this date, there are no known Indian graves on or near Middlebury's campus."

"This does not mean that there are no native mortuary remains to be found on or near the campus. Rather, it means that none have been excavated or found," Hart clarified, ultimately calling the possibility that the College sits atop a sacred Abenaki burial ground "unlikely, although not impossible," and only verifiable after an unlikely and "undesirable" archeological dig.

In spite of this, Shireman-Grabowski has long believed oth-

On January 13, 2013, Shireman-Grabowski and Student Co-chair of Community Council Barrett Smith '13 presented the Student Government Association (SGA) Senate with the "Decolonizing Middlebury College Bill." Claiming that the College had been built on land stolen from the Abenaki tribe, the bill recommended that the College return the land to its rightful owners, which bill supporter Sam Koplinka-Lehr '13 specified as "all of it [the Middlebury College campus].'

Chief Donald Stevens of the Nulhegan Band of the Abenaki Nation doubted the veracity of the students' claims.

"I would have to question the motivation of these individuals and also their knowledge of Abenaki burial grounds," said Stevens. We do not make known our burial grounds to the public, unless they are already public knowledge, for the protection of those sites."

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Students rebuilt approximately one-third of the original flags in front of Mead Chapel on Wednesday, Sept. 11. Additional coverage on page 2.

Incensed Students Rebuild Memorial

By Claire Abbadi

On Wednesday, Sept. 11. after a group of five protestors pulled out the 2,977 American flags comprising a memorial to commemorate each of the lives lost in the 2001 terrorist attacks, Sasha Schell '16, Noah Bakker '15, and Andrew Catomeris '15 took it upon themselves to rebuild the memorial.

The three met for dinner that night, and while discussing the incident Catomeris suggested the three of them rebuild the memorial together and called Aubuchon Hardware looking for American flags sold in bulk.

"They were super sympathetic to the idea," said Catomeris. "They even agreed to stay open late for us."

Aubuchon only had about 60 flags to offer the students and it cost

them about \$50, which the students paid for out-of-pocked. Catomeris emphasized, however, "we do not wish to be reimbursed for this sum."

"At the time the money was not the issue but rather the fact that the memorial was gone," said Schell.

College Republicans put on the memorial every year in collaboration with College Democrats. In 2007, the Young Republicans Club bought the 2,977 flags with extra funding from the administration. Each year the organization spends about \$10 on a few replacement flags. The organization estimated that replacing all of the stolen flags would cost the Young Republicans \$500. However, on Monday Sept. 16, the boxes of stolen flags were returned anonymously to the

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College Revives Finance Courses

By Emilie Munson

In concession to strong student demand, the College has agreed to continue offering a finance course this academic year in a last-minute addition to the course catalog.

When the Alan R. Holmes Professor of Monetary Economics Scott Pardee, the College's only finance professor, announced his intention to leave the economics department at the end of the last academic year, many students were concerned that finance courses would no longer be available at the College.

The economics department

received several emails, letters and course evaluations voicing this concern. In response to students' demands, the faculty has reinstated a finance course within the Interdepartmental category. Corporate Finance and Accounting (INTD 306) was a last-minute addition to the course catalog for the fall semester, and will be cotaught by Professor David Colander and newly-named Center for Careers and Internships (CCI) Emeritus Faculty Fellow Scott Pardee.

INTD 306 will be the only fi-

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WRMC CONCERT KICK-OFF



Wesley Hartley & The Travelling Trees help to kick off this year's concert programming at WRMC's McCullough Fest on Saturday, Sept. 14. The festival also featured Poor Remy and headliner ARP.



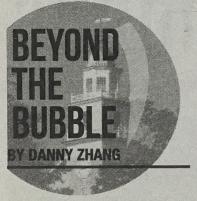
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On Sunday, Sept. 15, thousands of protestors, supporting the main opposition party in Cambodia marched through the streets of Phnom Penh, the country's capital city, in a continued call for an investigation into the July 28 parliamentary elections, which they claim was fraught with irregularities.

The results of those elections propelled Prime Minister Hun Sen to another five-year term in office. Sen has been serving as the leader of the Cambodian government for all but five years since January 1985. However, Prime Minister Sen's Cambodian People's Party (CPP) won just 68 seats, down from 90 in the previous parliament. It was enough for a majority in the 123-seat National Assembly.

Meanwhile, the Cambodian National Rescue Party (CNRP), the main opposition to Sen's CPP, nearly doubled their size in parliament, winning 55 seats. The CNRP's strong showing was a sign of increased frustration with the Prime Minister Sen's rule, long perceived to be authoritarian despite strong economic results in recent years.

The CNRP, led by Sam Rainsy, disputed the validity of those results even before voting began, accusing the regime of colluding with National Election Commission in fixing the election. Among the many concerns of the opposition were that over a million voters were potentially eliminated from the polls, the hopping of voters from polling place to polling place carrying fake identity certificates, and the fact that the indelible ink marking the fingers of those who have already voted could be washed off with lime juice or bleach.

In Sunday's demonstration, about 20,000 supporters of the opposition gathered in Freedom Park and marched through the streets despite orders from the government not to do so. The marches were largely peaceful, though a group of about 200 protestors broke away from the main rally and clashed with the police. Water cannons and smoke grenades were used by authorities to break up this group and protestors defended themselves by throwing shoes, rocks, and other small objects. Opposition leader Sam Rainsy intervened himself to stop the violent protestors and herd them back to Freedom Park.

"Their ballots were stolen, and they are asking for justice," said Rainsy at the demonstration.

The day before the demonstration, Sam Rainsy and Prime Minister Hun Sen met face to face for the first time in years, at the behest of the country's King. The 30-minute meeting was supposed to help the two sides resolve the disputes peacefully but no breakthroughs were made. The two were slated to meet once again this past Monday, on Sept. 9.

Two days before the demonstration, homemade bombs were found near the parliament building in Phnom Penh and grenades near Freedom Park, where the demonstrators gathered on Sunday. Against this backdrop of increasing tensions, many are fearful that the police could crackdown at the order of the government.

The new parliamentary session is slated to begin on Sept. 23. The King has urged all legislators to attend after the CNRP vowed to boycott the opening session. Last Friday, Sept. 13, the Constitutional Council also ruled that all allegations of fraud in the elections have been investigated and resolved. No new probes were therefore necessary.

The Sen regime has built a reputation on its no-compromise style of governance and few observers expect the Prime Minister to compromise this time.

College Responds, Begins Investigation

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Stevens noted that even if the site of the memorial had been a burial site, the placement of the American flags "would not be offensive to us. We honor our warriors and the fallen with objects to display respect and to honor their bravery," he wrote in an email.

THE COLLEGE RESPONDS

As news of Shireman-Grabowski's involvement in the incident spread beyond the confines of the Middlebury College campus, commenters on student-run publications, as well as Facebook and local and national news organizations, wondered how the College would approach its investigation into the incident and subsequent disciplinary action.

Such queries were soon answered, at least partially, by an all-campus email sent by President of the College Ronald D. Liebowitz on the morning of September 12.

"Like many of you, I was deeply disturbed by the insensitivity of this act. Destruction of property and interfering with the rights of others to express themselves violates the standards of our community. The College has begun a disciplinary investigation of this incident," Liebowitz wrote.

"There is always something to learn from differences of opinion. In this case the disrespectful methods of the protesters o

vershadowed anything that might have been learned from the convictions they claimed to promote. We will not tolerate this kind of behavior."

Public Safety was involved with the initial investigation of the incident "and may participate in the disciplinary proceedings if requested," wrote Director of Public Safety Lisa Burchard in an email.

When asked to detail the possible disciplinary proceedings or judicial hearings which Shireman-Grabowski might be sub-

ject to, Associate Dean for Judicial Affairs and Student Life Karen Guttentag declined to comment "out of a commitment to the fundamental fairness of our [judicial] process."

Shireman-Grabowski's actions infringed upon multiple College community standards, as outlined in the "Student Life Policies" section of the Middlebury College Student Handbook, including "cultivating respect and responsibility for self, others and our shared environment" and "fostering a diverse and inclusive community committed to civility, open-mindedness and finding common ground." As the flags planted on the lawn were purchased with funds belonging to the College Republicans and College Democrats, the destruction of the memorial could also fall under the category of theft or damage to College property and the property of others.

The "Demonstrations and Protests" section of the Handbook states that while "students, student organizations, faculty and staff at Middlebury College are free to examine and discuss all questions of interest," it should be done in an orderly fashion so as not to disrupt the regular operation of the College or community. Additionally, students wishing to stage a demonstration or protest are encouraged to contact Public Safety "to discuss College policy, demonstration-specific regulations and safety issues" as a means of ensuring the safety of all participants. Burchard said that she was not contacted by anyone in advance of the uprooting of the 9/11 memorial protest.

It is possible that Shireman-Grabows-ki's participation in earlier, appropriately-conducted protests, such as those against the Keystone XL pipeline and the Addison County Natural Gas Project, will be taken into consideration during the disciplinary process, as the "Scope of Oversight" section of the College handbook states that "students will be held accountable for policy

violations that take place between the time they first arrive on campus ... and their graduation, or the College's confirmation of their resignation or expulsion. Conduct that takes place on or near Middlebury premises or property; occurs at or in connection with a Middlebury-related event ... may be subject to the College disciplinary process."

While the College continues to investigate the act of vandalism, efforts are already being made to learn from the incident and move forward as a community.

An all-student email sent on Friday, Sept. 13 announced a series of "Protest and Civility" discussions with the goal of considering "the responsibilities we have as an academic community to treat one another with respect and tolerance, even as we pursue political and social agendas that sometimes divide us."

Seven professors, each with a different specialization and educational focus, will be moderating the discussions, scheduled throughout the week of September 16.

Professor of Religion James Calvin Davis cited his background in religion and ethics, as well as his published work's emphasis on public moral discourse, as helping him to drive powerful and productive dialogue in his discussion on Tuesday.

"My hope is that those in the discussion will take the time to explore what it is we think we mean by civility, and what we do when the expectations of civility seem to stand in the way of our pursuit of justice or what we perceive to be the truth," Davis wrote in an email. "These aren't easy questions at all, but they're essential — for a pluralistic democracy and for an intellectual community."

The Campus will publish coverage of the discussions in its Sept. 26 issue.

Additional reporting provided by Zach Drennen.



ANTHEA VIRAGH

At 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 11, four students reinstall the College's 9/11 flag memorial after a group of five vandals tore 2,977 miniature flags from the ground in protest. Passerbys lauded the students and aided in the memorial's reconstruction.

National News Coverage Spurs Hateful Comments and Threats

By Nate Sans

Coverage of the Sept. 11 memorial protest set off a firestorm of responses, jettisoning *The Campus'* coverage nationwide and setting records for views online.

At the time of print, The Campus had received over 80,000 views on the three stories combined, from IP addresses registered all across the country. The online fervor culminated with 48,134 views on Thursday, Sept. 12. The coverage set the record for the most views in a single day, and currently accounts for approximately 25 percent of *The Campus*' total hits.

Shortly after learning of the incident, Editor-in-Chief of *The Campus* Kyle Finck '14 wrote several paragraphs for posting on *The Campus*' website along with a photo of the vandalism in process taken by Rachel Kogan '14. Editors from across the paper worked to update the content and post additional photos to the paper's website,

Twitter and Facebook pages.

Throughout Thursday and Friday, the story gained national attention with various articles appearing on the Addison Eagle, Burlington Free Press, Business Insider, CBS, Daily Caller, Fox Nation, Indian Country Today Media Network, Inside Higher Ed, Times Argus, University Herald, and WCAX, in addition to a number of blogs, such as Breitbart. Many articles were filled with comments, condemning the protestors' actions. Further, WPTZ posted a video about the incident, while both the Huffington Post and Addison County Independent reached out to the College and community for additional comments.

The national and local attention paid to the story set off a barrage of comments more than 500 — on *The Campus'* website along with numerous op-ed submissions. But the anonymous comments also provided a forum for an outpouring of hate, directed mainly at the protestors and at the College as a whole. *Campus* editors monitored the comments around the clock, deleting nearly 100 comments because of direct threats, curses and other breaches of *The Campus*' online conduct policy.

"The comments we deleted on our site really appalled a lot of us moderating the discussion online, and we didn't even receive the worst," Finck said. "It was scary to see the amount of vitriolic and threatening comments left up on other news outlets' sites."

In particular, Finck singled out the popular humor blog *Barstool Sports*, which also picked up the story and ran *The Campus* article on Sept. 12 with commentary written by one of its editors. The posting attracted a large number of comments, many of which were profane attacks directed at the persons who removed the flags from outside of Mead Chapel.

Health and Wellness Revamp Underway

By Nate Sans

In a Sept. 12 email to the student body, the College's new Director of Health and Wellness Education, Barbara McCall, outlined her agenda for the year as she fills a position that had gone unfilled for two years.

McCall comes to Middlebury from Castleton State College in Castleton, VT, where she served as the Coordinator of Campus Wellness Education. She attended Mount Holyoke College and the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and holds a Masters degree in Public Health.

McCall plans to focus her energies on five areas: the establishment of an advocacy group for victims of sexual assault, implementation of recommendations from the 2011-2012 Task Force on Alcohol and Social Life, expansion of the PAWS (Pause, Assess, Worried?, Speak Up!) bystander intervention program, the "reinvigoration" of the Student Wellness Leader program, and the introduction of a Party Monitor program.

McCall is in the early stages of training an advocacy group for victims of sexual assault. The group, which does not have a name yet, includes students, faculty, and staff.

The 2011-2012 Task Force on Alcohol and Social Life, whose recommendations McCall plans to pursue, was created after the College received the results of a 2010 survey of students on drinking which brought to light high risk drinking behavior among many students. The Task Force's

report, dated May 4 2012, includes over 40 recommendations for changes to the regulations regarding alcohol consumption at the College. McCall said that she plans to facilitate a social norms campaign wherein her office will seek to educate the College community about both healthy behavior and behavioral norms at Middlebury in areas such as alcohol use and stress.

The College introduced the PAWS bystander intervention program last year when it briefed the class of 2016 and First-Year Counselors (FYCs) on the new program. McCall emphasized her interest in bystander intervention, stating that people with training in a program such as PAWS are far more likely to intervene in a risky situation than those without training. She hopes to expand the program, possibly during J-term, but conversations are ongoing with regard to the target audience of PAWS training. McCall stated that she plans to take a thoughtful approach "as I get to know Middlebury and Middlebury gets to know

McCall also plans to "reinvigorate" the Student Wellness Leader program, which is meant to provide students with training in health issues related to alcohol use, sex, stress and sleep as well as public speaking and group facilitation. Participation in the program waned in the years during which the position of Director of Health and Wellness Education went unfilled. In an email, Student Wellness Leader Sierra Stites '14 wrote, "since Jvoti Daniere [the former Director of Health and Wellness Education] left in the summer of 2011 and we were without a director, we have fallen off the map to a certain extent."

McCall envisions a cohort of students who can provide informal yet well-informed advice to their peers on these sensitive topics. She said that "peer health really interests me as a vehicle for health and wellness education, and it is a good way to get reliable information into the community.

McCall also plans to start a Party Monitor program based on initiatives at Dartmouth College, Haverford College, Swarthmore College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. These students would attend registered parties as assistants to the party host and provide support if a guest required medical attention or the venue appeared to be overcrowded. They could also serve as liaisons between the Department of Public Safety and party hosts. The program is still in the developmental phases - McCall is in the process of reaching out to colleges with similar programs and soliciting their advice - but she envisions a start to the program occurring in the middle of the Fall semester. The model program at Dartmouth, known as the Green Team, is relatively popular, "Green Team is not a panacea, but every additional set of eyes helps" said Chase Weidner, a senior at Dartmouth.

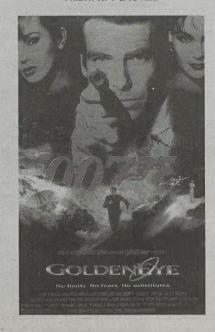


Trivia Night

Join us for the first trivia of the year! Grab friends, enjoy free food, and come play at Crossroads Cafe. THURSDAY AT 9 P.M.

Free Friday Film

Goldeneye will play at Dana Auditorium. FRIDAY AT 7 & 10 P.M.



Zumba

Take a study break to dancercise at Mc-Cullough Social Space! SUNDAY AT 4 P.M.

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stolen flags were returned anonymously to the doorstep of the Public Safety office.

Ben Kinney '15, co-president of College Republicans, worked with Catomeris and the other students that evening to replace the flags.

"That night I got a text message that people were back on campus rebuilding the memorial, so I drove to campus with the flags I had managed to get from the protesters and added the remaining ones to our memorial," said Kinney.

"The most triumphant moment for us was all the enthusiasm we got from passersby eager

to help rebuild the memorial and the unity we all felt," said Schell.

As angered as students were by the protestors' behavior, the students The Campus spoke to seemed to strike a balance between feeling angry and using that emotion to right a wrong by rebuilding the memorial.

'Rebuilding the memorial was, I think, a service to the community," said Schell. "In the same way that the building of it in the first place was a service to those who had lost loved ones in the attacks, replanting them meant that we as a community, found the destruction of the memorial to be deeply offensive. We called our

friends to come help, and many passersby simply stopped to help. I think to a lot of people in the community this was a way to remember the tragedy of 9/11 but also quietly voice their opinion that the destruction of the memorial was wrong and deeply offensive."

The students primarily involved in the rebuilding were not a part of student groups responsible for the memorial, but were students who wanted to take action. Ben Kinney confirmed that since the event, he has received dozens of letters from alumni thanking him for the memorial.



By Rachel Liddell

The days are shortening. The temperatures are cooling. The leaves are changing. And that means that your Student Government Association (SGA) is back at work to begin an exciting and productive year. Actually, we never really took a break from SGA this summer. While I interned in New York City, I worked with members of the Cabinet and Senate remotely to tackle issues ranging from campus food programming to expanding our dining hall newspaper subscriptions. More on that one later.

This time of year, the question "What did you do this summer?" wafts through every dining hall, dorm, and classroom. By far, the most common response involves the word "internship." These casual conversations form the backdrop of a recurring discussion - whether students deserve credit for unpaid summer internships. My answer to that question is firmly yes. Students should have the opportunity to earn credit for the knowledge and skills they gain through valuable summer internships. To tackle this issue, I met with several administrators, discussed the issue with the SGA Senate and Cabinet, and began drafting a student a proposal for this change in policy. As with all issues, the devil is in the details. As the year progresses, I hope to continue working with administration and faculty to find a solution that will benefit

SGA Committee Applications and first-

year Senator elections have also begun. There is an opening for Senior Senator as well this fall. We have not one, not two, but eight students vying for the two first-year Senator positions. Nathan LaBarba is running unopposed for Senior Senator. Online voting opens at noon on Monday, Sept. 23 and close at noon the following day. Don't

Applications to the SGA committees will be due on Friday, Sept. 20 (that's tomorrow). They are the perfect way to get involved with an issue area you are passionate about, whether it'd be athletics or the environment or institutional diversity.

Finally, as many of you have excitedly noticed, the SGA expanded our newspaper subscription program this year! In addition to copies of the New York Times and USA Today on weekday mornings, we now receive the Sunday Times in the dining hall. We are also working with LIS to provide unlimited, all-campus access to the Times website and smartphone app, which we hope to have up and running in the coming few weeks. We will then reassess our print subscription program. We would love to hear your preferences on what other newspapers you want to read, in hard copy or online. Do you think we should go paperless? Or do you revel in the feeling of news print beneath your fingers as you enjoy a hot cup of Proctor coffee?

> Send us your thoughts at sga@middlebury.edu.



MCAB Trivia Thursday, September 19 | 9-11 p.m.

Food specials and 1/2 price smoothies.

Pub Night with Cricket Blue Friday, September 20 | 9 p.m.-11

Featuring Laura Heaberlin and Taylor Smith Beer and wine available 2 forms of ID Required All ages welcome!

Cafe con Leche Latin Dance Party Saturday, September 21 | 10 p.m.-

Sangria, beer and wine available 2 forms of ID Required All ages welcome!

> Sunday Night Football Sunday, September 22 Game Time

Sunday Night Football on the big screen and the return of Crêpes.

> Monday Night Football Monday, September 23 Game Time



Verbal Onslaught Thursday, September 19 | 9-11

Middlebury's own spoken word open mic night, all are more than welcome. Shy and outspoken poets, good listeners, loud handclappers and finger-snappers, writers, and artists are more than welcome.

Crazyhearse Friday, September 20 | 9 p.m.-12

Emerging from the sleepy depths of Vermont's Champlain Valley, the boys of Crazyhearse have been waking the dead with their boot stompin' anthems and high octane crash-n-burners. An intoxicating blend of Americana, punk rock, and Transylvanian folklore, Crazyhearse has been labeled everything from rural industrial to swamp rock to gothic folkabilly.

Andric Severance Ouartet Saturday, September 21 | 8-11 p.m.

The Andric Severance Quartet performs a sizzling stew of Latin, Afro-Cuban and Brazilian jazz.



Finance Boosts Econ

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nance and accounting course offered this semester, a reduction from previous semesters when Pardee taught four courses devoted to the subject.

Following the College's announcement of the course, 48 students enrolled in the class and 80 more were added to the waitlist, in spite of its last-minute appearance in the course catalog.

The demonstrated popularity of this course, in addition to the reduction of finance courses from four to one, has edged out some students hoping to prepare themselves for a career in finance.

"The Economics program at Middlebury is outstanding and I have benefitted immensely from it," said Jake Feury '16. "However, I strongly believe that adding more finance courses into Middlebury's curriculum will help us perform better in job interviews and succeed in a career in finance after college. It would certainly make me feel more comfortable applying for jobs if I had the opportunity to take more finance courses here at Middlebury."

Even Middlebury alumni are speaking out on the subject.

"As an alum who works in finance and took all of Prof. Pardee's classes, I can definitely say that my experience looking for a job in finance would not have been the same without the knowledge that I gained in Prof. Pardee's classes and more importantly, his real world experience in the field," an online commenter to The Campus' article titled "College Drops Finance Courses," published last spring wrote. "When a MiddKid is out there competing with a Finance major from Yale, Dartmouth, it is better for the company to hire someone who needs less training."

Both Colander and Pardee expressed a desire to spend the fall developing a curriculum of several new finance courses to supplement the current single offering.

Pardee emphasized the importance of these finance classes in giving students a competitive edge in the job search, as well as to the College's standing.

"If you don't have somebody here who is teaching that stuff then we lose," said Pardee. "These schools that we are in deadly competition with have these courses so we have to have them to even maintain the position that we have."

The debate over whether finance courses belong at the College represents a much larger discussion happening across departments about the role of specialized courses at a liberal arts college based on the current job market.

Christian A. Johnson Professor of Economics and Head of the Economics Department Peter Matthews disagreed, responding that the "out-of-the-box" thinking that a liberal arts education generates will make any Middlebury student marketable.

"The liberal arts experience ... prepares students for all pursuits, not individual jobs, [and] for a lifetime of engagement with the world, not specific job interviews," said Matthews. "I believe that the current Economics Department, with its renewed commitment to 'research-based learning,' embodies this experience, and I'm confident that our students are well prepared to excel in the world. I also know, however, that there are more opportunities than ever at the College to acquire marketable skills."

Many students question if this is enough,

zone and outside

of the Middle-

bury bubble can

rewarding."

"Middlebury needs to reconsider what it means to be a liberal arts college in the 21st century and offering finance courses is part of this," said Max Kagan '14. "Students need job skills in order succeed in an increasingly competitive job market. The world is changing; the oft-repeated refrains that a liberal arts degree is a degree in 'learning how to think' and that 'you can do anything with a liberal arts degree' are under threat."

BY SAYRE WEIR '15

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Six weeks ago I stepped out of the airport with a suitcase, two backpacks and new passport stamp. Having overconfidently thought that I could survive the Argentine "winter" in sandals after spending two J-terms in Vermont, my toes immediately froze in the crisp breeze. I gazed with envy over at the Argentine girls fashionably sporting Ugg boots with their leather jackets and made

a mental note to invest in some close-toed shoes. The heat and humidity of North heat and humidity of North venturing outside heat and humidity of North hea Carolina hadn't followed of my comfort gentine friends for trying to sphere.

Living in Buenos Aires and thinking, living and breathing in Spanish 24/7 is simultaneously fun, chal- be immeasurably lenging, rewarding and exhausting. To give my adjustment a little context: I've been hanging out with

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Middlebury College

General public \$20

faculty/staff/alumni \$10

ID holders \$5

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Nelson Recreational Center

Vermont's cows in the Organic Garden for the past two years and spent my childhood in a small southern town where the biggest event was the annual Labor Day BBQ Picnic. Needless to say, transitioning to life in South America's second largest metropolis has been an adventure. For starters, I've given up on introducing myself as Sayre and have learned to love the name Sarita. It's easier than explaining my name as "pronounced like slayer, but without the L.'

Learning how best to take advantage of the city's public transportation has also been a tricky adjustment. Although I need to leave myself at least an hour to get anywhere in the city, I can arrive at nearly any destination by Subte (metro) or Colectivo (bus) for about 31 cents,

and it gives me time to knock out a few pages of reading and get in some solid people watching. In spite of the ease of the Colectivo, I typically shell out a few extra pesos for night transportation and take taxis after 11 PM. While the park by my apartment is my go-to place to run during the day, transvestite hookers are known to strut their stuff and linger on street corners after sundown. But it's all part of the experience, right?

Buenos Aires nightlife and dining have presented me with equally unique experiences in relation to college life in Vermont. My nighttime schedule is far different from a standard Saturday night quilombo (translation: hot mess) at Midd. My host family sits down for dinner and Malbec at around 10:30 p.m., which is already go-time by my American college student standards. While at

sneak out of a birthday party at 4:30 a.m. I learned soon enough that rolling into bed as the sun starts to peek through the morning clouds and sleeping until empaentertaining and nada lunchtime is how the Argentines do nights out.

It's strange to think that I won't be waiting in line for

the panini machines in Proctor or stealing a quick nap in the dangerously comfortable red and blue chairs in Bi Hall when classes start this week, but at the same time it's incredible to reflect upon the relationships and experiences I've already had in the past month and a half. Whether it's waking up in the middle of the night, ecstatic at the realization that I was dreaming in Spanglish, mustering up the courage to pose a question in class or the fact that I'm on a first name basis with the staff at my two favorite cafes, I have found that venturing outside of my comfort zone and outside of the Middlebury bubble can be immeasurably entertaining and rewarding. Suerte con el semestre and see you fools in Play-Term.

Your Semester Guide to Vermont

By Devin MacDonald

For those just arriving as well as those preparing to leave in a few months, the fall at Middlebury is the perfect time to explore all that Vermont has to offer. Since the beginning of 2013 alone, over 2.2 million cars have passed into the state, many of them tourists coming to experience the very things we Midd Kids have all around us every day. Vermont is famous for its fall foliage, but there are always hidden gems to explore. Below are some must-do items to place on your bucket list this fall.

Vermont Flannel Store:

Nothing, and I mean nothing, says Vermont like flannel. A quick drive up route 7, and on your left as you leave Middlebury, the Vermont Flannel Store offers some of the best you can get, and was even inducted into the 2010 "Made in the USA" hall of fame. Not only are the products good, but the store sits next to an iconic covered bridge covered in tasteful lights that will give anyone who goes an authentic Vermont vibe. But be warned shirts go for around \$50 a piece.



Fiddlehead Brewery & Folino's Woodfired Pizza:

If you're 21+ and appreciate amazing beers, head on up to Fiddlehead Brewery in Shelburne. Even if you can't yet legally drink or prefer other beverages, the brewery also features a pizza restaurant that is incredible. It's well-worth the drive to taste some Vermont native beer and enjoy some of the best pizza around with a group of good friends.



Morgan Horse Farm & Museum:

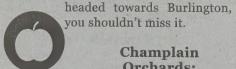
For avid runners, you may have trotted past the Morgan Horse farm and admired the buildings, but not given it much thought beyond that. I urge you to make a special trip not past the farm but onto it. The Morgan Horse farm is on the National Register of Historic places and the University of Vermont has cultivated one of the best lines of the Morgan Horse in the world there. A short walk from campus, you'll never regret it. Careful though! The farm closes to

visitors on Oct. 31.



Shelburne Farms:

Their website asserts that the Shelburne farm is "a nonprofit education organization whose mission is to cultivate a conservation ethic for a sustainable future." At 1,400 acres, the farm offers an incredible view of Lake Champlain and is a National Historic Landmark in Shelburne, Vt. You'll have to take a car, but if you're on Route 7



Champlain Orchards:

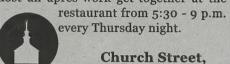
Fall is apple picking season and nowhere hosts a better selection and atmosphere than Champlain Orchards in Shoreham. A 20-minute drive from campus, Champlain Orchards offers all manners of apple picking from the tree as well as apple cider, cider donuts and other apple-themed tasty

treats.

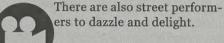


The Skinny Pancake:

The iconic creperie of Burlington, Vt. is a key stop any time you're in the city. The Skinny Pancake features sweet and savory crepes as well as some of the best fries I've ever had - seriously. Set on a corner near Lake Champlain, the atmosphere is young and geared towards foodie appreciation. They are now collaborating with "Localvore Today" to host an après-work get-together at the



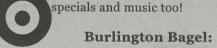
If you haven't already been to Burlington, find a car (or take public transportation - its easy!) and head on up. Church Street is a pedestrian only causeway that runs through the heart of Burlington. Featuring shops as unique as Burlington Records for your LPs and 45s and as convenient as an Apple store, Church Street is perfect for meandering and missions to purchase specific items.



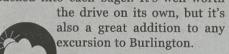
"The Big Picture":

Burlington:

This café/theater in Waitsfield, Vt. is, according to their website, "the Mad River Valley's unofficial cultural center and café." The Big Picture is perfect for dinner and a movie, serving locally grown vegetables and herbs from the Small Step Farm as well as local meats and cheeses. They have show times available online as well as nightly



If you like to eat at Middlebury Bagel, you will be blown away by Burlington Bagel. The small building sits in South Burlington, right off of Route 7. Its size doesn't do justice to the big taste packed into each bagel. It's well worth



The Organic Farm:

Students at the College have a wide range of relationships to the Organic Farm. A great way to change your previous experience of the college's student maintained plot of land is to watch the sunrise over the hill and Meade Chapel one morning. If you're not an early riser, there are Adirondack chairs and a fire pit positioned perfectly to watch the sun go down over the mountains on

the other side.

Snake Mountain:

Standing 1,287 feet tall in Addison and Weybridge, Snake Mountain is great for the outdoorsy and less adventurous alike. The hike isn't steep, takes about an hour and opens out into a panoramic view featuring lake Champlain and the mountains of New York. If you time it correctly, you can watch the sun set from the top - it is a moment you'll remember for a long time, I promise, but be sure to bring a flashlight if you do a sunset hike!



Ben and Jerry's Factory:

Located in Waterbury. Vt., the Ben and Jerry's factory offers a tour of the facility. With your ticket, you receive a discount on a t-shirt and a free pint of ice cream. I would also check out the "Ice Cream Graveyard" that features all the discontinued flavors Ben and Jerry's had over the years, commemorated by poems on gravestones.



Shelburne Museum:

Located, as many of these bucket list items are, along Route 7 as you head towards Burlington, the Shelburne Museum is another must-see. There are over 150,000 works of art in 39 different exhibition buildings. Buildings ranging from The Ticonderoga Steam Boat to a brand new facility completed last year give any tour of the museum a unique character that you wont find anywhere else.

Robert Frost Trail:

In East Middlebury as you head towards the College's Snow Bowl, the Robert Frost Trail offers an easy and picturesque hike. The loop is 1.2 miles and takes on average 45 minutes to an hour. The trail commemorates Robert Frost's poetry by featuring mounted poems along the woods and fields for you to read and experience.

Magic Hat Brewery (21+):

Although Vt. is home to many breweries, none have a tour quite like that found at Magic Hat in South Burlington. Something you have to see to believe, the tour is free and can be guided or selfguided. It includes views of the factory that cranks out 400 bottles of beer per minute, but transcends the typical tour by offering a film about their Mardi Gras event and punk-themed decorations throughout. The group is friendly and dedicated to their work, willing to chat

about the process as they offer samples of classics such as

Cookie Love:

A tiny shack easy to miss on Route 7 North, Cookie Love has some of the best you'll ever taste. It's situated in North Ferrisburgh and features pre-made cookies, cookie dough and creemees. All the flavors are named after a type of love: "first love" is chocolate chip, "puppy love" is peanut butter chocolate chip and "it's a wonderful love" is holiday sugar, for example.

The Camel:

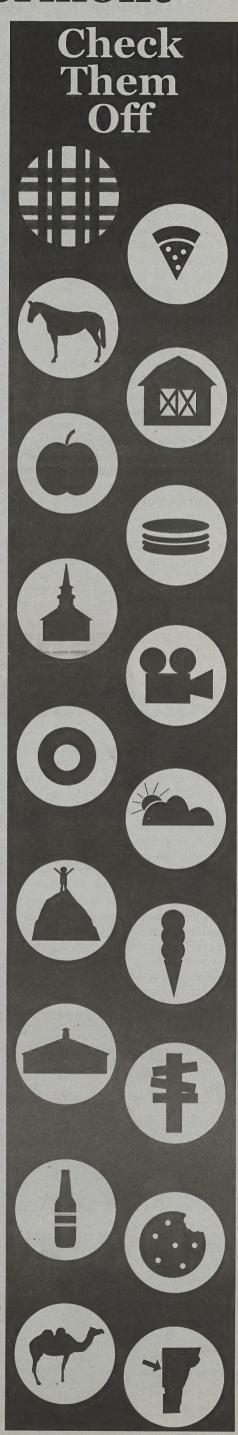
I can't give much explanation beyond this: if you're driving on Route 7 North towards Burlington, about 20 minutes away from Middlebury, you will pass a dilapidated looking farm that has a camel who hangs out with sheep like he's a sheep. Pull the car over, take as many pictures as you possibly can. The camel has two humps and if anyone finds out his or her name, please let me know.



Vergennes:

A short and beautiful drive or do-able bike ride from Middlebury gets you to Vergennes, a perfect weekend brunch destination. Restaurants such as 3 Squares and Vergennes Laundry (a bakery, not a Laundromat) are perfect to eat at and even to get a little homework done on a Sunday.

This is just a short list of the many opportunities available in the area. The most important thing is to pop the Middlebury College bubble and explore this glorious area we're in for four years of our lives.



Community Raises Concerns with Pipeline

By David Ullmann

At a crowded hearing at Middlebury Union Middle School on Sept. 10, concerned citizens voiced their opposition to Vermont Gas' proposed 43-mile pipeline from Colchester to Middlebury that would provide natural gas to Addison county. On Oct. 8., the selectboard will be voting on the circumstances that must be present in order for them to consider supporting the pipeline. Town members urged the town's public service board to deny Vermont Gas the Certificate of Public Good required for construction.

Close to 600 people attended the hearing. Those in opposition dominated the speaking time at the assembly, with all but a few raising their voices in opposition to the pipeline. Before the assembly meeting, a demonstration that brought together speakers and activists against fracking was held outside.

The meeting came after a long battle between the project's supporters, who claim that fracked gas will lower energy costs considerably, while posing less environmental risk than gasoline or oil, and opponents, who claim that the project conflicts with the state's renewable energy goals.

"We would be thrilled if all our vehicles ran on hopes, wishes, and dreams but they do not," said Joseph Fusco, an executive at Casella Waste Management, a trucking company in Vt. He went on to laud the benefits of switching the company's trucks from diesel fuel to natural gas and was one of the few speakers who received no applause.

An editorial response to the event by



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Over 500 people attended the public hearing on Sept. 10 in Middlebury, Vt.

columnist Angelo Lynn added that natural gas is 51 percent cheaper than fuel oil and that cheaper energy would produce numerous jobs.

Opponents, however, doubted the credibility of the supporters' economic claims and asserted that the dangers of constructing the pipeline are significant.

"We're involved in a discussion over whether we're going to have fossil fuels or ... natural gas," said Nate Palmer, a resident of Monkton. "That's like saying: do you want fossil fuels or fossil fuel light?"

Many cited Governor Peter Shumlin's goal for the state of relying on 90 percent renewable energy by 2050.

"We thought Vermont was a leader," said Marly Lotourelley. "If you had told me back then that I would be someday

fighting a natural gas pipeline here I would have laughed at you. I hope the joke is not on us."

Theatrics punctuated the otherwise stern nature of the event. Actors performed a skit about a farmer trying to file a complaint against Vermont Gas, beset by bureaucratic obstruction. One speaker dressed up as a pirate, emphasizing that the pipeline was a "gangplank" to the future.

Many opponents came from out of town, including a group of students who took a bus in from Burlington.

"I am part of the future as a student ... and I believe that by promoting natural gas use in the state that that's not leading us to a sustainable future," said Sophia Hoffacker, a student at the University of Vermont. "That is why I oppose this pipeline and that is why I am here."

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Children's Author and Illustrator, Ashley Wolff, in Bristol

Lawrence Memorial Library will be hosting Ashley Wolff, who wrote and illustrated children's books such as "Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten" and "Baby Bear Sees Blue." She will spread her love of children's liturature with a reading and drawing demonstration.

SEPT. 19, 10:30 - 11:30 A.M.

"A Sense of Place" Talk in Vergennes

New to Vermont, or just want to gain a better understanding of this area? The Bixby Memorial Library will be hosting Greg Sharrow, the director of the Vermont Folk Life Center as he explores the fabric of farm culture in the past and examins its connection to Vermont today. For more information call (802) 877-2211.

SEPT. 19, 7 - 9 P.M.

Fall Into Winter Rumage Sale in Middlebury

Whether Mackelmore's song "Thrift Shop" has been stuck in your head since Saturday or you forgot a few essentials at home and are on a budget, the Fall into Winter rummage sale at the Middlebury Congregational Church Fellowship Hall is the place to go. The two-day sale will have items from clothing to bedding to kitchen supplies and anything in between, for more information call (802) 388-7634.

SEPT. 20 - 21, 12 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Fabulous Flea Market in Middlebury

Looking for new ways to spice up your dorm room? The "Fabulous Flea Market" is the place for you. With items ranging from decorative items to jewelry to antiques, the flea market takes place every year at the Middlebury Town Hall Theater. All proceeds go directly to the Town Hall Theaer. Check it out!

SEPT. 21, 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Alpaca Farm Open House in Brandon

Mark your calendar! Sept. 28 and Sept. 29 are the National Alpaca Farm Days of 2013. If you're searching for ways to celebrate this exciting holiday, look no further. Maple View Farm in Brandon is hosting an open house. Attendees will have the chance to learn all there is to know about alpacas, including the process by which yarn is produced. Products from alpaca fiber will be available for purchase at the farm store. For more information, visit mapleviewfarmalpacas.com.

SEPT. 21 - 22, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

Poet Talk in Brandon

Vermont poet Jerry Johnson will be giving a talk at Compass Music and Arts Center, Park Village regarding his creative process. He will also be reading excerpts from his newest book, "Up the Creek Without a Saddle." Tickets are \$3. For more information, visit cmacut.org.

SEPT. 22, 3 - 4 P.M.

Color Vibe 5K Run Paints Vergennes

Runners took to the streets on Sept. 14 for the 2013 Color Vibe 5K that took place in Vergennes. The runners, wearing tutus, white t-shirts and other spirited clothing, left the starting line at 4800 Basin Harbor Road already coated in a layer of paint. It was a momentous occasion, as this was the first Color Vibe to take place in Vermont.

The participants ran a 5k and were sprayed with dry paint at various points along the course. Runners were given sunglasses as part of their "runners' packets" to protect their eyes from the powdery paint. Some people even wore bandanas to cover their faces so as not to breath in the chemicals.





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In Response to the 9/11 Flag Incident

As a close-knit liberal arts college tucked gently away in the bucolic Vermont countryside, it becomes easy to think

of our actions and the scope of our influence as contained within a bubble. But in truth, our actions on campus reverberate far beyond our small community.

The insulation between Middlebury and everywhere else affords students certain liberties in their quest for knowledge that they would not have elsewhere: students can spend their entire four years challenging societal norms while knowing for certain that every day

they will have access to three healthy meals, every night they will have a bed and every hour in between they will be surrounded by open-minded, intelligent persons who share the

goals of peace and knowledge.

The College is

a truth seek-

and activism

is an integral

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component of this identity. It is a powerful tool of discourse that, when conducted properly, pushes issues much further and harder than mere words can do. Like all forms of power, however, it is prone to abuse when carried out without careful consideration and proper critical engagement.

The theft of American flags commemorating lives lost in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks by Anna Shireman-Grabowski '14.5 and four others on Sept. 11, 2013, exemplifies the dangers of rash action and ill-considered activism. While the theft itself may have been petty, the emotional response and consequences that it triggered were astronomical. The entire incident brought intense, negative scrutiny to the student body, the administration, and the College at large.

But no action of protest justifies threats of bodily harm and death. The threats that came from both within and outside the community, especially those targeting Shireman-Grabowski and her family members were not acceptable in any circumstance. This incident angered many because it brought to the surface powerful feelings about a horrible day in American history, but precisely because we honor that history, we should not stoop to witch-hunts and mob justice.

Though Sept. 11 was a tragic day for Americans, it also exemplified the human ability to come together and show strength and support in the face of adversity. Honoring the victims and heroes of Sept. 11 involves both remembering their memory and our country's resilience. As a campus, we too should honor this by not letting our anger cloud our dedication to due process. The email sent by President Liebowitz the day following the incident called for respect and civility, which we as a community should strive to uphold throughout this process of healing and justice.

As we move forward, the parties involved must receive due process in due time. We must trade pain for hope and division for unity. We've already seen the beginning of the healing process in the students who came together to recon-

struct the memorial as best they could.

Although the effects of the event extend farther than the Middlebury Bubble, we cannot allow Shireman-Grabowski to be tried by the voices of the internet nor can those deciding her fate make their decision while being torn apart by armchair vigilantes hiding behind the easy anonymity of the internet. Justice will be served not by online fear mongers, alumni or disgruntled members of the college but through the proper channels, and the disciplinary process and decision should be fair and proportionate to the offense. Let us honor the strength of this community and of the victims and survivors of Sept. 11 by moving forward with dignity as we

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THOUGHTS FROM A SOLDIER

As a member of the Middlebury College alumni community, I feel compelled to share my reflections on the offensive and deeply saddening act that occurred on its campus on the twelfth anniver-

sary of September 11, 2001. I graduated from Middlebury College in 2012. This year, I spent

the anniversary of Sept. 11 in Afghani-READER OPED the anniversary of Sept. 11 in Arghanistan, deployed as a U.S. Army lieutenant. Emily Nuñez '12 I serve here alongside countless soldiers. is writing from airmen, sailors and marines who were Afghanistan motivated to join the U.S. military as a result of the tragic events that occurred on

Sept. 11. Many deployed service members choose to honor the lives lost on that day and those that have followed in its aftermath in their own quiet, contemplative ways. Often, in a deployed environment, there isn't time for commemorative ceremonies due to the high operational tempo. I was appalled to end the anniversary of Sept. 11 by reading about this incident. I sincerely hope that no service member has the ill fortune of coming across this event. If they do, I hope they contribute to this discussion and reveal why, on so many levels, what these five people did was inexcusably wrong.

I was particularly drawn to one of the comments by "Bob" in response to the Campus article covering the incident, which read, "I would love for Anna to be attached to a rucksack frame, brought into active combat and truly fight for her right to desecrate the one piece of symbolic fabric that ties us together as Americans, the Flag of the United States of America." While I believe witnessing the efforts that American service members undertake to defend the freedoms of the United States would be an enlightening experience, it would be impossible for this student to do so because her actions suggest that she lacks the respect, honor and sense of selflessness that is required for a soldier to embody.

As a former Middlebury student, I am infuriated that one would destroy the work and public expression belonging to that of two political student groups that united together in order to honor the lives lost in the tragic events of 9/11. While freedom of expression is something every American is afforded, the disrespectful annihilation of another's is intolerable, especially in a college setting where fostering intelligent discussion and debate is of the utmost priority. To my knowledge, this group of people, including at least one Middlebury College student, made no attempt to contact the owners of the flags and explain their questionable claim regarding Abenaki burial grounds before stuffing the flags in a trash bag. It appears that this act was carried out in an incredibly underresearched, selfish and disrespectful attempt to bring attention to oneself with absolutely zero regard for the 2,997 lives that were lost

Five years ago, I remember hurriedly walking across the lawn in front of the library in uniform in order to make it to my Army ROTC class at UVM in time. As I approached the library, I saw the lawn covered in thousands of American flags and I couldn't help but stop and reflect. I was aware that the flags stood for thousands of lives that were lost on that horrific day. At the same time, I was overcome with pride because I belonged to a community that took the initiative to honor those lives in a beautiful and visible way.

Despite the incredibly disrespectful actions of one student, I strongly believe that an organization should not be characterized by the actions of just one member. What happened is uncharacteristic of everything that I believe Middlebury to value and stand for. Just like in the face of any adversity, Middlebury will be characterized by how it responds and, I hope, by emerging stronger.

A large American flag hangs outside the banister of my living quarters here in Afghanistan. The day after I read about this incident, I hung my Middlebury College banner next to it. I still have the utmost confidence in Middlebury. I also strongly hope that its administration and leaders will respond with serious disciplinary action against any student involved in this unfathomable act. Thank you to all of those students who made the effort to honor the lives lost on 9/11 by emplacing the American flags.

Addressing Our College's History

The action on Sept. 11, 2013 carries intense emotions for a few reasons. On the one hand, the 9/11: Never Forget Project plays on the heartbreak of the day year after year to maintain the emotion of being attacked. On the other, using the American flag carries a long legacy of American imperialism, colonization, and genocide on this land. The irony of the project is that it employs one symbol which can bring up emotions of American vulnerability and sadness for some people, while also reminding others of American ag-

Sam Koplinka-Loeher '13 is from Ithica, NY

gression and violence around the globe. **READER OPED** gression and violence around the globe. For a moment, let us try to put aside the rhetoric of Sept. 11 that has been so deeply ingrained in our minds and begin to listen to the other histories that occured in Middlebury, VT.

At Middlebury, we rarely talk about colonization and our college's role in the genocide of the Abenaki people who still live in Vermont. Many of you who are reading this are probably sitting in Proctor dining hall. Our dining hall is named after Redfield Proctor, Jr., who was the 59th Governor of Vermont. Proctor directly advocated for the forced sterilization bill that passed in the Vermont House of Representatives in 1931. Under this racist and classist policy, the Abenaki people were targeted for forced sterilization. In order to protect themselves, many Abenaki families were forced to deny their heritage, their language, and their culture in order to "pass" as settlers here in Vermont. In doing so, the legacy of colonization continued.

Some Mi'kmaq people also recognize that our college is on native burial grounds. Last spring, a group of Middlebury students

went in solidarity to an Idle No More protest in Montpelier, VT. There, we met Mi'kmaq folks who, when hearing of Middlebury College, told us that the college sits on native artifacts and burial grounds. When we returned to the College after the protest, we submitted a resolution to the Student Government Association to meet with Abenaki band councils to discuss this history and begin the process of reparations and repatriation. This resolution still needs support, and you can do so by continuing these conversations and working to build relationships with the Abenaki band councils in Vermont to learn about the College's role in colonization and how we can begin to change.

I believe that as settlers on Turtle Island (North America), we should support the actions of indigenous people in beginning to decolonize. Anna Shireman-Grabowski '14.5 was working with Amanda Lickers, a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, in this action. Those who died on Sept. 11 certainly deserve a place in our memory and hearts. We must remember, however, that using the American flag as a symbol for their lives carries with it a long legacy of genocide and colonization on this land. At "The College on the Hill," we have a particularly horrific history. Middlebury College has been complicit with the genocide of Abenaki people in Vermont. These are parts of our college history that need to be addressed by working with the Abenaki Band Councils to make reparations. The action on Sept. 11 should remind us that we have a duty to not only remember the 3,000 people who died 12 years ago, but also to address our history of colonization and the genocide of millions of indigenous people on this land we call "America."

It was a Bright, Warm Day

One of Middlebury's strengths is the drive with which the day — as if anyone could ever forget. students endeavor to make the world a better place. We don't always agree on how to do this, and thus the College has recently witnessed impassioned debates on a number of important issues. Many, including myself, have been enriched by these discussions. Yet there are those who

reject our community's embrace of civil discourse in favor of so-called "activism."

OPED Max Kagan '14 is from Freeport, ME

READER

Whether out of egocentrism or simply blind passion, these people have alienated supporters and foes alike with their self-aggrandizing tactics and moral absolutism. They have broken the law and willfully

disregarded College policies. So convinced are they of their own righteousness that they eschew the need to win over supporters through rational argument and compromise, preferring the familiar intellectual comfort of

I have very strong feelings about this issue. But these thoughts were far from my mind on the morning of Sept. 11, 2013. It was a bright, warm day, just as it was twelve years ago. It was not until that evening that I learned that group of individuals had uprooted thousands of American flags that students had carefully laid out in front of Mead Chapel as a memorial to those who died on that terrible day twelve years ago. A picture available online shows Anna Shireman-Grabowski '14.5 shoving flags into a black trash bag.

To be honest, I've never been sure about how to feel about this annual memorial. On the one hand, I am proud that Middlebury students are still dedicated towards remembering the events of Sept. 11, 2001. On the other hand, I am uncomfortable with the implication that we need a display in order to remember the significance of claims; the Abenaki themselves are unaware of any burial

Yet that cluster of 2,977 flags has a deep symbolic meaning for many members of our community. Just as each and every one of us has our own unique tale of what we went through on Sept. 11, we each have our own ways of remembering our loss. The Middlebury community standards - to say nothing of common decency - demand that we respect everyone's right to grieve as they

I had thought that this spirit of mutual respect was self-evident to all members of the Middlebury community. To my shock and dismay, it apparently is not.

Shireman-Grabowski her co-conspirators have brought shame upon Middlebury and upon themselves. There can be no justification for their actions; they deliberately exploited a terrible tragedy to gain publicity. The Middlebury community welcomes constructive

dialogue and collegial dissent, but it cannot and should not accept deliberately provocative action intended only to cause pain.

Shireman-Grabowski has attempted to cloak her petty vandalism in the veneer of moral righteousness. She claims that placing the flags in the earth constituted an offense towards the Abenaki people, and that this ostensible cause justifies the hurt she has caused. Leaving aside the fact that the Abenaki - with whom Shireman-Grabowski could not even be bothered to consult - reject her action, her own actions belie this rationalization as self-serving and dishonest.

There is in fact no evidence to support her bloviating

sites in the area and the geology of the site seems to preclude its use as a burial grounds in any case. If Shireman-Grabowski truly cared about the rights of the Abenaki, she could have easily reached out to the organizers of the memorial ahead of time in order to share her concerns and work towards an appropriate compromise.

Indeed, organizer Ben Kinney '15 proposed several such compromises to the five vandals even as they were the process of stealing the flags. But these people have

no interest in compromise. After all, "I had thought that this compromise doesn't get your name published in the Huffington Post.

> The College Community must now come to terms with these repugnant acts. We have already begun to do so. On the night of the vandalism, students united to recreate the memorial with flags they were able to recover. Other community members reached out to local and national media to make it clear that this heinous act does not repre-

sent Middlebury College. President Liebowitz has stated that the administration is beginning a disciplinary investigation. The other four individuals should be charged with theft and vandalism and banned from returning to Middlebury College. They have forfeited their right to meaningfully contribute to our community.

That leaves Shireman-Grabowski herself. After several days, she issued an online apology to members of the Middlebury community she harmed by her actions. The question now remains whether she and her cohorts will learn from their mistakes and accept our community standards embracing civil and collegial discourse or whether they will continue to gleefully defy our shared values in the future.

Lessons on Life and Loss

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Yom Kippur is the holiest day of are to truly honor each life. the year for me as a Jew. While fasting this past Saturday, I reflected on my own actions that have caused harm. I prayed for forgiveness and in the year to come better fulfill my highest obligation of tikkun olam - repairing the

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Jay Saper '12.5 is from East Lansing, MI.

the afternoon break between services, walked down street from the syna-

gogue to a demonstration for Marissa Alexander. It was her birthday and we wanted to make it her last behind bars. Marissa, a black woman, had fired a

warning shot while subjected being to abuse. She injured no one, yet received a 20 year genocide and racism. But sentence in the same state, under the same American flag, that let Zimmer- we are to truly honor each man run free.

At the demonstration, I talked with my friend

Ramona Africa. She expressed tremendous concern about American commemorations that exploit a people's loss to justify racist murder.

Ramona, part of the black liberation group MOVE, is the lone adult survivor of the American flag-approved bombing of her West Philadelphia home.

"Jay," she asked, "where is the statue for the little children burning to their deaths?"

I do not know the answer to Ramona's question. But I know that when we begin to remember lives we are taught to forget, we begin to feel uncomfort-

I do not how to best grapple with histories of genocide and racism. But I know that attempting to do so, even as we make mistakes, is necessary if we

I then returned to synagogue to begin the Yizkor, to commemorate those who have passsed. I remembered my dear friend Ian Cameron '13.5, earnest and beloved member of our Middlebury community.

Perhaps selfishly, I am grateful Ian During took time away from Middlebury. In that he entered a couple years before me, his research at Brown lengthened the time we were blessed to spend together on campus and provided fond memories he enjoyed sharing.

I was enticed by Brown's effort to study its own involvement in slavery and begin a process of confronting its role in this injustice. It seems a powerful model for Middlebury to reference

in working to address its occupation of Abenaki land.

The Rabbi consoled, his memory be for a blessing.

We need to forever remember and honor the lives taken on Sept. 11, 2001. My religion teaches

me that each life is an entire world

Swallowing the ocean would not prepare me to produce enough tears to express the pain I feel for all of the worlds lost that tragic day, nor all of the galaxies lost in the consequent wars waged under the American flag.

At another point in the service, we knelt all the way to ground to humbly honor that we alone cannot right all of the suffering and injustice in the world. We collectively stood up, committing to do our part.

I pray that we as a Middlebury community stand up together so that the memories of Ian, Trayvon, the MOVE children, those lost on Sept. 11, those lost in the wars of terror, those lost in slavery and those Abenaki buried on campus, that their memories may be for a blessing.

CLOSED DOORS ON TOWN OFFICES

While students have been away for the summer, the citizens of Middlebury have been debating the merits of a College Town plan to move the town offices to the site of the Osborne House (77 Main Street, adjacent to the Ilsley Library). Opponents of the plan have criticized it for the lack of parking, the proposed conveyance of the current site of the Municipal Building, and, among other reasons, the process that the Middlebury Board of Selectmen chose to follow.

spirit of mutual respect

was self-evident to all

members of the Middlebury

community. To my shock

and dismay, it apparently

is not."

It is ironic that some people compare the open door process that led to the siting of the Cross Street Bridge with the closeddoor process that resulted in the current plan to site the town offices on the Osborne House lot. One would do just as well to compare night and day.

In 2004, local resident Arch Tilford appeared before the Board of Selectmen and proposed that the town rebuild the Three Mile Bridge (located 3 miles from the center of town) which was destroyed by a fire in the early 1950's, and thus relieve the notorious traffic congestion that plagued downtown Middlebury. The Board took his plea to heart. Recognizing that all good public works projects require planning and foresight, Chairperson John Tenny quickly formed a committee charged with determining the best site for a new bridge.

In the ensuing months, the Bridge Committee held numerous open door committee meetings, as well as public presentations and forums - all of which provided an opportunity for public comment. The Committee diligently sought information and advice from traffic engineering experts and others. Additionally, the Committee reported to the Board on a bi-monthly basis, each report affording yet another opportunity for public input. In October 2005, after examining the evidence, weighing public sentiment and researching the pros and cons of no less than six potential sites, the Committee recommended that a bridge should be constructed between Cross Street and Main Street. I was at many of those meetings, presentations, and forums, but, contrary to what some may say, I didn't hear any "whining and moaning." Instead, I heard citizens expressing their opinions in a respectful and thoughtful manner, just as we all should do. The public had ample opportunity to express their views before my colleagues on the Board and I unanimously endorsed the Cross Street Bridge concept.

I admit that initially I questioned the wisdom of the Cross Street site; others, including Middlebury College President Ronald D. Liebowitz, had concerns about the location as well. "I know there were people quite dubious about the location, and I was one of those, to be honest,' Liebowitz said." Nevertheless, on Oct. 20, 2011, the Addison Independent ran a

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Craig Bingham is a

Middlebury Selectman

with the headline, "One year later: Cross Bridge Street drawing good reviews.

Most those skeptics, President Liebowitz and myself included, were won over. It is likely that many were convinced, as I was, by the extensive research that formed the foundation of the Committee's recommendation; others may have been influenced by the overwhelming public support evidenced by a 2007 Town Meeting Day vote of 695-203, which endorsed that concept.

Contrast the above with the closeddoor process that led to the current proposal to move the town offices to the Osborne House site.

On April 5 this year, before consulting with the entire Board, members Dean George and Victor Nuovo approached college officials in private and asked if the College would be interested in participating in a town office project. At that luncheon meeting, college officials assured my colleagues that a proposal would be forthcoming. When later presented to the Board, the College's proposal was much the same as was revealed to the public on June 11 of this year, a scant five weeks after the initial request. There was no opportunity for the public to express their concerns before the College proposed and a majority of the Board endorsed the Osborne House site as the location for our new town offices.

In addition to a lack of parking and the numerous other faults in the plan, which I have written about extensively elsewhere, this deeply flawed process is another compelling reason why the voters would be right to reject the Osborne House plan.

All citizens must have an opportunity to express their views before a public body makes a decision on a public project, especially when that decision is as significant as the location of our town offices for present and future generations.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EDUCATION

Learning is painful. It took me a summer to realize that, but our liberal arts education can be unpleasant. Or at the very least allow us to see unpleasantness that already exists.

The jump from our cozy bubble of educated students and professors into the real world can be jarring. You find

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Andrew DeFalco '15.5 is from Toronto, Canada.

people under the age of 18 still exist, not all cars stop for you to cross the street and food is surprisingly expensive. Even

that

more though and perhaps most rattling is stepping back into a world with the experience of a liberal arts education.

My friends from high school are some of my oldest and most dear, but they have not had the experience I have had here. So when I hear one of them use the word "faggot" and then watch as nobody responds, I feel uneasy. Three years ago hearing that word would not have bothered me. I corrected my friend and was greeted with surprise: "Oh sorry Andrew, yeah sure I won't say that again. Do you actually know any gay people though?"

Yes. Yes I do.

At one point this instance would not have bothered me. This was not a product so much of my education as it was experience. Sure, I have gay friends but - sorry guys - they are not the motivation for my response. Even more than defending my friends, morality makes me find that word unacceptable.

Re-entry into everyday society is filled with these instances and it is not my responsibility to correct the world because I deem myself more educated. However it is part of the responsibility, provor burden, of a liberal arts experience. The privilege of education would be spoiled if we did not use it to affect the world around us. On campus this feeling is fleeting or oftentimes non-existent. The burden does not feel so heavy when surrounded by people who share similar points of view and educational

A subtler example came at dinner a few weeks ago. For whatever reason, the topic of marriage and relationships in general came up. Both my parents are college educated, and I think quite smart, but they did grow up in a dif-

ferent time and culture. I would not describe their views as traditional, but they were certainly influenced by Italian-American cultural norms. So when my mother made the comment "Andrew, you wouldn't want to marry a girl who had been with a lot of men," I could sense an old world mentality. What I found more troubling was that when I asked "Why not?", she could not give me a response.

I don't mention this to highlight the failures of my mother; far from it. At one time I may have made a similar statement and I have plenty of friends who would have no problem with it. Why not though? What is wrong with a woman sleeping with as many men as she likes? Does that make her a worse marriage candidate? Most of us would sense the double standard, especially when my sister would likely be told to make sure her choice of spouse was kind, compassionate and loyal above caring about the number of people he slept with.

Every summer it has been more jarring to leave this very real bubble. The first summer I was ambivalent, and the second my arguments were flimsy, but now after nearly three years in this place I can no longer ignore the fact that the world has stayed more or less the same, and we, as students, have become something different.

I don't mean to sound preachy or to highlight what a wonderful, lifechanging experience we have here. Nor do I think it is our duty to go out into the world and make it politically correct. The ability to recognize injustice in the world around us makes a sense of responsibility unavoidable. It is the byproduct of education. I do feel a sort of selfish envy for friends who have not been exposed to that. They have the luxury of ignorance at times, while it can feel we are burdened by the responsibility of education.

Whether we like it or not, Middlebury takes the blinders off. Or at least we think so. Professors, I'm sure, see us as ignorant in our own way as students. There is no denying the amount left to learn. As we step back into the bubble, I cannot help but reflect on the responsibility that comes with education. Learning is painful because it makes injustice and unpleasantness more visible in the larger world. Hopefully, by the end of our four years we will have solutions to the problems we now see.

Ben and Margaret

Imagine Ben. He's outgoing, incredibly kind and extremely bright. When he was 16. he witnessed global poverty for the first time while traveling abroad. It was an experience that changed his life. While in college, he did community service every week as he pursued a dual degree in economics (which he hated) and theater (which he loved). After college, he spent a few months working as a consultant, but itched to make a difference in the world. He quit his job and founded a charity in Botswana, which he selected for its high HIV rate, that tapped into his passion for theater as a way to educate children about HIV/AIDs through afterschool programs. He raised just enough to cover administrative and fundraising costs as well as teachers' salaries and material expenses: an average of \$150,000 annually. Over his 20 years at the organization, the program spread throughout the region and national statistics demonstrated declining HIV transmission rates, something he was quite proud of. When he was 45, he nobly retired from working abroad. He moved to his hometown, got married, had three kids and became a local private school theater teacher. He felt deeply enriched by his experience working abroad, and remembered the names of the children he worked with until he died.

Imagine Margaret. She spent her career working at an investment bank before bouncing between private equity firms and ultimately retiring at age 52. She spent her career thinking about sterile finance-speak like "return on investment." Margaret had an average salary of \$400,000 over the course of her career and cashed in stock options for an additional \$2.5 million. She and her husband, Steven, ate dinner out regularly, bought a nice house downtown and vacationed frequently at nice hotels, but never had kids. Margaret donated 20% of the income she earned every year to charity (including the stock). She hired a consultant to research which interventions had the best empiric proof of saving lives, concluding that the best thing to do was buy and distribute malaria nets in Africa. She never met a single person who benefitted from her donations; in fact, occasionally she would forget which country in Africa her donations went to.

Ben's story is inspiringly selfless. Margaret's feels colder, more calculating and more selfish. The truth, however, is that Margaret's life had a far greater impact on the world than Ben. She was an "effective altruist."

I submit to you, reader, that you need to seriously re-evaluate your life and start making decisions more like Margaret than Ben.

Ben's story is great, but he erred in three ways: First, he applied his passion (theater) to somebody else's problem (AIDS), instead of looking for the most cost-efficient way to prevent AIDS transmission. Secondly, he

Allie Weinstein '13.5

didn't research what was the best cause he could be involved in, as he could have saved more lives with a malaria organization. Finally, he was not objective in where to intervene, as Botswana, despite its high rate of HIV (23.4% among adults), actually has the highest basic HIV awareness and condom use in Sub-Saharan Africa. The hypothetical national decrease in AIDS almost certainly would have had nothing to do with WARM GLOW his regional pro-**Hudson Cavanaugh**

Margaret, on '14 is from New York, the other hand, NY was able to target all her donations to the most cost-effective intervention in the world. That made all the

difference. By my calculations that draw on figures and estimates from the UN, academic research and randomized controlled trial findings, Ben's entire organization saved a heroic 96 hypothetical lives over 20 years. Ben truly changed the world for the better. However, in contrast, Margaret's donations - \$2.9 million over her lifetime - allowed a hypothetical organization to save an astronomical 1,416 lives. Margaret saved almost 15 times as many hypothetical lives as Ben's entire organization.

Bear in mind that I do not claim these estimates to be accurate, as uncertainty is very much a part of charity, but they are the most accurate based in real world estimates I could find. "Lives" is also an imprecise poor measurement of impact However, this hypothetical aims to demonstrate three points. Firstly, not all charity is morally equivalent. Secondly, good intentions often have little to do with real world impact. Finally, even a single person can make a difference by them-

This column is about how each of us can reorient our lives to maximize our impacts, because the 1,416th life Margaret saved matters just as much to that person as yours does to you. Rather than evaluate a charity by the vividness of warm glow it offers, or even the story it tells, this is a call to arms to apply your liberal arts education and critically investigate the evidence of its cost-effectiveness. And give generously. It will make all the difference in the world.

"This isn't about your feelings. A human life, with all its joys and all its pains, adding up over the course of decades, is worth far more than your brain's feelings of comfort or discomfort with a plan. Does computing the expected utility feel too cold-blooded for your taste? Well, that feeling isn't even a feather in the scales, when a life is at stake. Just shut up and multiply" - Eliezer Yudkowsky, cofounder of Lesswrong.com and of the Machine Intelligence Research Institute.

Community Letter of Support for Anna

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On behalf of the following community members

and challenged

We knowledge that Anna's actions

on Sept. 11 were deeply offensive and/ or triggering for many (including several of the undersigned). Anna has taken responsibility for her actions, and has apologized for the suffering she has caused. She hopes to be held accountable to this community and we support her in her ef-

We also want to recognize that it is not acceptable that there are members of our community who are making our campus - our shared home - unsafe for Anna. Anna does not deserve the cyberbullying, violent hate mail and personal threats that she has been receiving over the last week. Like any other member of this community, she has a right to due process and a right to safety.

This action and its responses have reminded us that we need to commit to creating a community where we challenge each other in safe, accountable

Anna Shireman-Grabowski '14.5 is a ways. We should all feel secure here. We member of the Middlebury College com- should also expect to feel uncomfortable munity. She is our classmate, our co- as members of a liberal arts community worker and our friend. She has cared for that asks us to engage in difficult diaus, taught us, logue. Here at Middlebury we learn how to become comfortable with discomfort, to engage critically with information and to take action only after careful consideration.

We support Anna as a member of this community even as we disagree with her actions. We also support our broader community in coming together and moving forward after this incident. Grappling together with the issues of colonialism, patriotism, genocide and protest will continue to be challenging, but these sorts of discussions are at the heart of a liberal arts education. We have the tools to process this in a healing, constructive way. Let us use them.

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ADRIAN LEONG '16

N Aug. 28, students and faculty received an email from President of the College Ronald D. Liebowitz with the subject line "Statement on Divestment." The message read, "Ultimately, the call to divest raises a number of important questions

that must be answered ... At this time, too many of these questions either raise serious concerns or remain unanswered for [the Middlebury College Board of Trustees] to support divestment. Given its fiduciary responsibilities, the board cannot look past the lack of proven alternative investment models, the difficulty and material cost of withdrawing from a complex portfolio of investments, and the uncertainties and risks that divestment would create."

After a year of a high-energy activism, intense debate and impassioned protest on the part of student advocates, it seemed that the door was closing on divestment.

But when asked about the future of divestment, Adrian Leong — a soft-spoken sophomore called "a rising star" by divestment advocates on campus — simply shook his head.

"Divestment is not off the table," said Leong. "This email is certainly not a defeat. In fact, I appreciated how clearly [Liebowitz]

laid out his questions, and I found his willingness to commit to stronger responsible investment principles quite encouraging."

"As long as that willingness is there, divestment is still alive."

A TUMULTUOUS YEAR

JUST UNDER A YEAR AGO, on a Friday afternoon in October as students departed campus for fall break, an email with the subject line "Middlebury College Divests from War on Eve of Dalai Lama Visit" scrolled our inboxes across campus.

The email, announcing the College's divestment of its endowment from war, was met with excitement from some students and confusion among others. But two days later, when Tim Spears, vice president for academic affairs, issued an email to all staff, students and faculty clarifying that the press release was a "hoax," the campus started to buzz with speculation about what this might mean. And when five students published an open letter to the community "coming

clean" for sending the fake press release, signed, "The Dalai Lama Welcoming Committee," it became clear that this was more than just a prank, and the buzz surrounding the incident grew to a dull roar.

Greta Neubauer '15 returned to campus last fall committed to continuing her work on socially responsible investment and determined to start a divestment campaign at the College. While she had some prior knowledge of the Dalai Lama Welcoming Committee's press release before its dissemination, she was caught off guard by the momentum it created on campus.

"The fake press release was really powerful at that moment because there was such an element of surprise, and if they had done it at another time, it wouldn't have had the huge effect that it did on the dialogue here," said Neubauer. "It's a tough thing, because on the one hand, it undoubtedly made a huge impact on divestment, because the administration felt compelled to respond and it changed the way in which the campaign unfolded. But it also didn't follow the typi-

cal arch of a campaign, and I think that alienated some people early on. And then throughout the year we saw this increasing dislike of anything that looks like or sounds like activism on this campus. That's a hard thing to work against."

Even as the storm of controversy surrounding the press release and the ensuing public trial faded away, divestment took hold as a mainstream topic of conversation among the student body. The campus witnessed the divestment movement move from a niche concern among a select group of student activists to a full-fledged campuswide debate — in the dining hall, the classroom, the trustee's boardroom, and the front pages of the Campus.

The conversation was characterized by heated debates over the College's moral responsibility, impassioned students citing the works of civil rights leaders and adopting the mantra of Bill McKibben's oft-repeated reasoning: "If it's wrong to wreck the climate, then it's wrong to profit from its de-

There was also a lot of work going on behind the scenes — students engrossed in late night conversations, preparing thoroughly researched reports to back up recommendations made to sober administrators and a boardroom full of trustees. And yet these

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OCTOBER 16, 2012 FIVE STUDENTS PUBLISH AN OPEN LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY "COMING CLEAN" FOR SENDING THE FAKE PRESS RELEASE, SIGNED, "THE DALAI LAMA WELCOMING COMMITTEE"

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BY KELSEY COLLINS PHOTOGRAPHS BY OLIVIA ALLEN



and rising juniors who are some real pow-

BEN CHUTE '13.5

Chute, now in his final semester in college, is the source of much of the movement's institutional knowledge; he served as the co-president of the Socially Responsible Investing committee for two years before his appointment to Student Liaison to Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees last fall, and he speaks about his younger peers the way a coach might talk about his players.

"We have a lot of kids this year who are really smart activists. They're very knowledgeable and they're very pragmatic. We'll see how this year shapes up, and it comes down to who is in the room."

Leong, an environmental policy major, joined the movement only a few months into his first year at the College, and is on the younger side of the cohort of students.

"I hope that people will see our movement as a whole, and not just associate it with one group of people and just think, 'Those are e kids that disturbed my sleep with their pots and pans.' We've done so much more than that. I really hope that more people can share our vision."

"What I see is being the most powerful

tool for us in terms of convincing the administration is having there being a huge crowd swell behind this issue, and there being very visible signs of mass support from students," said Kristina Johansson '14. "That means making spaces that are really inclusive and finding ways for people to get involved, no matter what their ideology or methods for making change. Just creating audiences for great engagement."

"My hope is that a lot of the action taken last year acted as a catalyst," said Teddy Smyth '15, a member of the Advisory Committee on Socially Responsible Investment (ACSRI). "Now we have enough momentum to be somewhat more pragmatic so that we can focus on the strategic vision of the divestment campaign. I think we'll spend some time considering what actions need to happen versus what actions aren't as essential; what would be distracting versus what's necessary and practical."

"That being said, we need to keep the conversation going in a public way," added Smyth. "Last year, other people filled the role of making noise and of attracting public attention, and so I might need to do more of that this year, although its not necessarily

GRETA NEUBAUER '15.

"I think we're going to try to have a really public, visible presence on campus and be the source of a lot discussion," said Jeannie Bartlett '15 while discussing possible tactics for the coming year. "But I think one thing we're really looking to do is connecting with Trustees and talk with them on an individual basis to discuss research, because I think that having that kind of more isolated and direct conversations is what, at this point, is lacking in the discussion."

'The fact that we're not divesting right not is obviously disappointing," Bartlett continued. "The commitments [Liebowtiz] laid out in his email are wonderful and I care about them a lot, but they don't achieve the political statement that divestment does.'

"But I am optimistic. And if they actually do those three things laid out in Liebowitz's email, that would be the biggest win that SRI has ever had at Middlebury, by far. So its really exciting. And I'm going to work to make sure that those things do happen."

onversations were punctuated by loud rales, demonstrations of students standing utside Proctor or Old Chapel with megahones, pots and pans, sporting the bright range felt square that emerged as a symbol f the divestment movement.

The flashes of orange sent a message: this

onversation was loud, it was in your face, nd it was impossible to ignore.

OOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

ow, at the beginning of a new school ear, the movement is pausing for a breath. "There is a cool opportunity at the begin-

ing of the year to stop and reflect on how e worked together last year," said Neunuer. "Hopefully we can take some lessons om that and be able to move forward this ear and be better for it."

As some students have graduated and hers have gone abroad, there has already

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"We have some new faces this year," said en Chute '13.5. "I think you'll be hearing a t more from some of our younger memers — we have some rising sophomores

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FEBRUARY 16, 2013 STUDENTS "WAKE UP THE BOARD OF TURSTEES" BY PROTESTING OUTSIDE OLD CHAPEL WHILE OTHER STUDENTS ADVOCATE FOR DIVESTMENT INDOORS IN A 45-MINUTE PRESENTATION TO THE TRUSTEES.

APRIL 28, 2013 STUDENT DIVESTMENT PANEL IN DANA AUDITORIUM FEATURING JEANNIE BARTLETT '15, BEN WIGGINS '14, JANET BERING '13, RYAN KIM '14, ZACH DRENNEN '13.5, MICHAEL PATTERSON '13 AND TEDDY SMYTH '15

AUGUST 28, 2013 EMAIL FROM PRESIDENT LIEBOWITZ: "GIVEN ITS FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES, THE BOARD CANNOT LOOK PAST THE LACK OF PROVEN ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MODELS. THE DIFFICULTY AND MATERIAL COST OF WITHDRAWING FROM A COMPLEX PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS, AND THE UNCERTAINTIES AND RISKS THAT DIVESTMENT WOULD CREATE."

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IAMURICA!



By Joy Zhu

It was not until I came to America that I began shaking hands with other people. I have navigated a diverse species of hands since I came here - the massive bear paws of big football players which engulf mine like the sea to newly-hatched sea turtles. There are small willowy fingers, cold and clammy hands, hands that feel like cold concrete, and hands that feel like shrouds of dry leaves. Yet, what intrigues me most were the handshakes where the other person jolts you into another paradigm of communication with his iron grip, leaving you half floating on the verbal surface of meaning, wondering what he meant by that alarming squeeze.

I think it is the paradox between menace and warmth that intrigues me. Handshakes embody the formal (and trite) exchanges of "how do you dos" and names, and yet the action itself is bodily - not only are you introduced to the person, but also introduced to his living skin and his body, which conveys another message. Does the degree of strength with which you grip another's hand indicate an invitation to a challenge? Or rather, reassurance? In the past, I've used a handshake to stealthily tip the cook during my trekking expedition in India. What is the message a handshake is trying to tell? How do the nuances of the gestures alter its meaning?

I think there is an inherent frigidity to the gesture because of the formality. Perhaps connections one can easily make with just a jolt of the wrist dilute the significance of a relationship. Or maybe the arcane semantics of the ritual just make me feel too uneasy for me to decipher its meaning, although it is very interesting at the same time.

At Middlebury Uncensored, Associate Professor of English Jonathan Miller-Lane mentioned America's "hyperbole culture" in communication. He meant that people here tend to respond in an exaggerated fashion - "Awesome!" "really?!" "Oh my God!" To some extent, I think shaking hands is a part of this overstatement. This friendly gesture of welcome overstates your pleasure at being introduced to another person and is misleading because it misrepresents your opinion of that person at the moment of introduction (that must be why politicians always shake hands on television). I feel the same way about people here - people are so nice to each other, I always feel like it is disingenuous in a way. Aren't humans supposed to be inherently selfish, and how can they exhibit such unlimited altruism to such a wide range of diverse life forms? This tolerance touches upon godliness, which is frightening because it defies the definition of being human.

Sometimes, I feel more at home in the city because you can freely express your intolerance, whereas here niceness is social etiquette you are supposed to follow. I think I prefer knowing a person honestly through knowing their real feelings - no matter how obnoxious they might be instead of a person limited by social etiquette. It is a bit like looking at a candid photograph versus a posed portrait, the latter of which is the handshake, so beautiful and inviting it makes you ponder whether you are falling back upon a lie.

Students Cycle to Save Arctic Ice

By Joe Flaherty

Students pumped up their bicycle tires to participate in a social-media-focused campaign by Greenpeace encouraging bikeriding to raise awareness for the plight of the Arctic on Sunday, Sept. 15th. The main objective of the event was to bring attention to oil companies who plan to drill for oil made newly available by the melting of Arctic sea ice. Simultaneously, the student organizers made connections to the Addison Natural Gas Project pipeline underway locally.

The group of 10 biked 1.5 miles to the Apple Fest at Shoreham Town Green. Event organizer Ellie Ng '14 said it was also a day for students from disparate environmental groups to connect with others.

At the start of the bike ride, event organizer Adrian Leong '16 explained how in 116 cities in 33 countries, Greenpeace Ice Rides are springing up everywhere. Middlebury's was the only one in the Northeastern United States.

The Ice Ride event is somewhat of a departure from Greenpeace's norm of nonviolent direct action.

"Recently Greenpeace has been trying to occupy more of the dialogue surrounding this issue" said Leong

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According to Leong, the goal of the campaign is to raise awareness of the risks associated with arctic drilling through the use of social media. To this end, Leong and Ng were sharing photos of Middlebury's official Ice Ride event on Facebook and Twitter.

Some students walking by Adirondack Circle commented on the cyclists' send-off.

"I think it's good initiative, the fact that they're using popular media to get people to know about it and I think it's a very smart way to go about issues like this," said Joanne Wu '15.

Jeannie Bartlett '15, who cycled in the event, heard about the event from an email sent to the Middlebury climate campaign list.

"I wanted to come because it's a beautiful bike ride and a fun thing to do on a Sunday, but also because these collective actions that take place across the country or across the world at separate locations can be really powerful because of the power of digital media now," said Bartlett, citing 350.org as another organization that connects local events to a national movement.



loe Flaherty

Ice Ride cyclists prepare for their route in solidarity with push to prevent oil exploration in the Arctic.

Bartlett also said the day was an opportunity to remember the implications of melting

"I think we need to remember that the melting of the Arctic isn't just the melting of the Arctic, it's also the rising and warming of the seas and many other things that will really directly affect humans," said Bartlett. "Even though I think the Arctic as an ecosystem is important in and of itself I also think it's really important for the impact it has on people."

While several students on the bicycle route were veterans of campus environmental groups such as Sunday Night Group and Divest Middlebury, others were just there to ride.

"I heard about the event through an email," Nathalia Gonzalez '17 said. "I didn't hear about a lot of people that said they were going but I figured, why not? It would be a really fun ride to go to an Apple Fest."

Gonzalez said she had heard about Greenpeace before but did not know much about the organization or this particular campaign.

Ng said the problem with energy sources like oil and natural gas is that the power is concentrated in large companies and governments.

"With renewable energy like solar panels, wind farms, or biomass, it is more local and people have more power," she said. The bike ride symbolizes this power to the people."

The cyclists also encountered signs of another environmental policy playing out right in their backyard. Leong said they saw signs that read "Keep Cornwall Safe" and "Keep

Shoreham Safe" on their route, referring to the plan by company Vermont Gas to run a natural gas pipeline through several Vermont

"Along the road to Shoreham there were a few signs about the [Addison Natural Gas Project] pipeline," said Ng. "As with the gas pipeline and energy issues around the world, in that sense, when we passed by those signs we felt connected to this global movement."

Leong said that the argument in favor of drilling for oil in the Arctic, like the argument in favor of Vermont natural gas, does not make much sense.

"Drilling in the arctic is what we call a false climate change solution," he said. "A lot of governments or companies say that drilling for gas or drilling for oil are transitional fuels and that's the reason why they are drilling in the arctic, buying time for others to develop renewable energy. But we're saying the transition period has gone already. We don't have any capital to burn any more fossil fuels. We have to switch from fossil fuels to renewables now."

Leong said making a last stand for an unspoiled natural Arctic is what makes the issue so urgent.

"The arctic ice is melting and that is what is allowing the drilling and fishing fleets to go in," said Leong. "[Ice Ride] is about people standing up and saying, "There are enough pristine environments being exploited in the world. The Arctic is the last one we want to preserve."

COLLEGE HONORS GRANT RECIPIENTS

By Teddy Gold

When the Middlebury Center for Social Entrepreneurship (MCSE) was created in 2012, President Liebowitz predicted that the center "will aspire to be a world leader in social change ... offer[ing] young people and their allies an opportunity to take on the world's toughest 21st-century challenges and make a difference." Judging by the successes of the MCSE this summer, his forecast was foretelling.

In the spring of 2013, 16 groups of students competed in the Social Entrepreneurship Grant Challenge. They competed with proposals for testing solutions to a range of social problems. Four entries were selected to launch their projects in the summer of 2013.

This past Friday, MCSE held an event in Axinn to honor the four grant recipient projects, and give them an opportunity to showcase the social good they accomplished while away from the College.

First to present her summer work was Gabriela Fuentes'16, of Chicago. Her project, "Preserving Pilsen," worked to address the issues of violence, high school dropout rate, and gentrification in Pilsen, Chicago, by providing a creative outlet for teenage girls to explore their identity. Through dance, writing and discussion, 13 girls ages 12-15 were given a chance to investigate their identity, culture, and legacy. The project aimed to decrease academic delinquency, gang involvement, violence and other risky behavior, while fostering positive identity development through community and academic involvement.

Fuentes' approach was personal and direct.

"We would ask the girls 'Who am I? What do I like about my body? What makes me strong? Who do I want to become? Who am I now?" she said.

Fuentes partnered with Assistant Professor of Dance Christal Brown and used

Project: BECOMING as the model for Preserving Pilsen.

Rabeya Jawaid '16 focused her work in Karachi, Pakistan. Inspired by her experience volunteering at the Deaf Research Center in Karachi, Rabeya created a project that provided vocational training to underprivileged deaf women in hopes of teaching them skills to obtain jobs and overcome poverty.

"It's not easy being a woman in Pakistan. It's not easy being a poor woman in Pakistan. And it's definitely not easy being a deaf poor woman in Pakistan," said Jawaid.

Her project trained young deaf women to sew and screen print, and provided classes that taught sign language and entrepreneurial skills. Reaching far beyond the confines of a small group, Jawaid became involved with the creation of the first official Pakistani sign language dictionary.

Armel Nibasumba '16 and Betty Kobia '16, from Burundi and Kenya, respectively, focused their work on peace keeping and community building. Nibasumba grew up in a time of war and genocide, and saw the horror of a war torn nation. This past August, their project, "Twese for Peace," recruited 30 high school and university students in Bujumbura, Burundi, to participate in a week-long peace-building camp. The goal of the project was to promote harmonious living in a post-war nation by facilitating communication and peace-building skills among the people of Bujumbura. Additionally, the Twese for Peace camp sought to instill entrepreneurial skills among the youth through challenging ideas and proposals such as micro financing, need-finding, prototyping and record-keeping.

"We had a lot of conversations about how education can be a powerful tool amongst us," said Kobia. "We talked about how our communities build upon communal living, rather than exclusive living as an Tutsis and Hutus." The \$3,000 grant from the MCSE allowed Nibasumba and Kobia to travel to Burundi and pay for the costs of establishing the camp, which included rent of the venue and workshop materials. The pair hope to make this an annual event by training the previous participants to become facilitators for the camp in the future. When a strong facilitators system is established with the students in Burundi, they hope to expand the program to Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

The fourth to present was the "Platforms for Hope" project, a team comprised of Vera Chan '16, Mzwakithi Shongwe '16, Jia Ying Teoh '16, Adrian Leong '16, and Roksana Gabidulina '16. This project bettered the quality of education in Swaziland by providing lap desks to students. Working with a team from the University of Chicago, these students believed that by providing a sturdy, comfortable and portable surface to write on, students will be more motivated and able to study at school and in their homes. Along with providing desks, the project aims to provide jobs to those who make the desks, and instill an entrepreneurial spirit in those who use the desks, seeing first hand that innovators can create simple solutions to solve community prob-

Their \$3,000 grant enabled the members of the "Platforms for Hope" team to travel to Swaziland, as well as provide for the costs of making and distributing the lap desks. The team is currently working at the Old Stone Mill to develop a solar-powered light source that would be attached to the lap desks.

The MSCE grant projects were varied in location and overall aims, a fact that demonstrates the MCSE's goals. Watch for the MCSE Friday speaker series to keep up with social entrepreneurship projects on and off campus.

MiddFoods Defies Rural Challenges to Bring Affordable Farm-to-Table Meals



Middlebury Foods founders reunite near Hepburn Hall where they intially joined shoulders as business partners.

WORKNG TO RELIEVE HUNGER

By Jessica Cheung and Isabelle Stillman

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Middlebury Foods is a not-for-profit, social entrepreneurship endeavor that aims to bring healthy food at an affordable price to Vermonters. Recently licensed as a 501c-3 incorporated by the state of Vermont, the business, run by seven juniors, has come a long way since winning the \$3,000 MiddChallenge grant in March

"We cut out the supermarket and we cut out the cashier and we cut out the overhead costs associated with distribution, advertising and marketing," said Harry Zieve-Cohen '15, MiddFoods director of operations, of the company's business plan.

The idea, selling a \$35 cardboard box filled with a week's worth of healthy meals for a family of four, came from a similar organization called Top Box, based in Chicago. However, the rural settings of Middlebury and Vermont meant that the team had to adapt the model to fit its environment.

'Distance is a huge factor," said Eddie Dañino-Beck '15, director of human resource. One of MiddFoods' biggest hurdles has been finding the means to deliver food to a variety of customers, a feat much easier in a population-dense, urban location.

Cooperating with an array of community members, therefore, became a key effort in the team's endeavor and allowed them to work with the geography of their location instead of letting it hin-

Earlier this summer, the team sent feelers out to members of the Middlebury community: from H.O.P.E, a poverty relief agency in the town to the Middlebury Chief of Police to local food providers and churches, attending community suppers and even holding their own lunch for residents. They have since worked with the current and ex-governor of Vermont. At this rate, they hope to expand their business into Rutland and Burlington counties by the end of the year.

With their expansion from the College into town, however,

came a sense of hesitancy.

"We were really careful from the beginning, knowing that we're a group of college students who didn't grow up in Vermont, bringing something to a population that has needs that we might not be aware of," said Zieve- Cohen.

The team also feared resistance from other local food providers or hunger relief organizations. Their worries were quelled, however, as they began to talk to community members and ex-

We were originally told we would see a conflict with us joining the market and maybe taking away from some of their business," Oliver Mayers '15, director of public relations and media, said. "[But] what we encountered when we spoke to the people at H.O.P.E. [] is that people actually supported us. They wanted us to

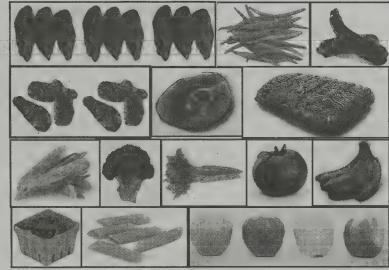
go forward with the project. Soon after their initial outreach efforts, partnerships with H.O.P.E, Score (an organization that mentors start-up companies), Black River Produce, Sunrise Orchards, and relationships with citizens of Middlebury grew and solidified, as the team worked on campus this summer. Negotiations to partner with the College itself are still underway.

Though the company is still in its early stages, working toward their first sale date on Oct. 4, they are confident in the fruition of

their idea and look forward to its growth.

'I think when you look at things that succeed and things that fail these days, things that succeed are simple ideas, and this is a relatively simple idea," Zieve-Cohen said of the group's success thus far. "People get [our idea]. When we go and talk to them about it, they understand what we're doing. No matter what is going on we know where we're headed, we know what needs to be done. It's very easy to see how it fits into the big picture, because the big picture isn't very complicated."

EXAMPLE \$35 FOOD BOX:



3 lbs of chicken breasts

2 lbs of ground beef

2 lbs of breaded chicken filets

1 lbs of ham

1 lbs of green beans

1 lbs of Zucchini

1 lbs of corn

1 lbs of Broccoli

1 lbs of carrots

1 lbs of tomatoes

1 bunch of bananas (4)

1 carton of blueberries

4 apples

3 lbs of whole wheat pasta

FRESH FOODS AND NEIGHBORLY SUPPORT

Eating local should be easy. This box embraces the locavore movement with only the simplest, drawing greens from exclusively in-state food distributors — including green beans from the College's organic farm - "which is about as local as it gets," said Mayers.

MiddFoods hope that this focus is what will launch them from the small Middlebury community to a venture that embraces the whole state in the swing of a national locavore movement, a movement the team believes has several different advantages.

"We think it makes an important statement about the environment and about supporting local economy," said Zieve-Cohen. "If we're buying from local farmers who often have a hard time finding customers, then we're supporting the local economy in a way that we're not if we're buying from a farm in California."

But the team continues to prioritize affordability over their drive to stay local.

"If the lettuce from a local farmer is going to be twice as expensive as the lettuce from California, we think we have a duty to our customers to sell them the cheaper lettuce;" he said.

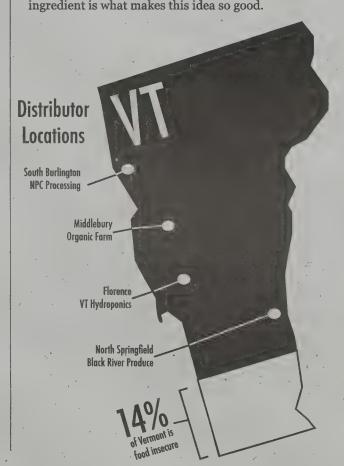
While the idea seems to have universal appeal – who wouldn't want healthy food for a lower price – the team has had to consider the habits of their targeted consumers.

'People don't necessarily want a vegetable they've never heard of," Jack Cookson '15, Director of Sales and Local Affairs, said. "Even if it's really healthy, they don't want quinoa salad. They want these staples of foods that they feel comfortable with.'

Thanks to network ties with the area, Middlebury Foods was able to work with H.O.P.E. to survey their audiences on what foods they need, helping to serve weekly meals at the organization's center to learn more from the potential customers themselves.

Though simplicity is their mantra, food education is also integral to Middlebury Food's operations: boost healthy eating habits with local, organic food. Local restaurant and food operators such as Sama's and the Middlebury Co-Op have contributed their own recipes to the box, as has world-class chef Mark Curran, who specializes in sustainable cooking. The seven team members have even been toying with sharing their own culinary concoctions inside the box.

This smooth learning and teaching network in Vermont is what this makes green mapping this social business so ripe for success. Community-supported agriculture is working here, because a strong community network coupled with a plain and simple idea comes together to form a unique energy. Such an





1 Cur the ham into thin strips or bite-size pieces 2 Fill a medium-sized pot with water and boil the wat 3 Add the pasta to the water and cook for 14 minutes

4 chicken breasts 1 stick of butter 3 spoonfuls of olive of saft and papper

Stir-Fried Chicken

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December: Idea formed

March: **Won MiddChallenge**

March-May: Aid foundations as summer work

June 9: Met with Black River, got first distributor

June-August: Aministrative work, outreach, customer

August: Became a non-profit in the state of VT

September: Got a bank account

October 4: First sale out of H.O.P.E.

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The Middlebury Campus

SCIENCE SP®TLIGHT: INCREASING INTEREST IN SCIENCE

Science Departments see 7 Percent Increase in Enrollment

"Undergraduates receive

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By Will Henriques

With school back in session, the student tides across campus have returned. The hushed conversations and echoing footsteps in the Tormondsen Great Hall of McCardell Bicentennial Hall rapidly build into a crescendo of babbling voices as students flood out of classrooms between class periods. Just as quickly, the quiet returns as the students flow out the door or down the hall to their next class.

This ebb and flow brings a certain sense of regularity and rhythm to the days. Its consistency is comforting.

But these tides are not quite the same from year to year. Expand the lens and it quickly becomes apparent that the tides of students that frequent Bicentennial Hall are rising. According to data provided in the annual Fact Books released to the public by the Office of Planning and Assessment, the number of science majors on campus rose 6.9 percent between the fall of 2001 and the fall of 2012. That statistic represents a 114 person increase in the number of declared natural science majors (including environmental studies-conservation biology, environmental studies-chemistry, and neuroscience).

To put that increase in perspective, during that same 12-year period the total number of declared majors (including joint and double majors) increased by twenty students.

Enrollment increased by 73 students between the fall of 2003 and the fall of 2012. Looking at the numbers, it is as though every single additional student the college admitted declared a major in the natural sciences, and then forty one students who formerly would have declared in another category changed their minds and declared natural science majors.

So, what is driving that increase?

Dean of Curriculum and Director of the Sciences Bob Cluss attributes the rise in part to an increased awareness of the College's strength in the sciences within the applicant pool. His sense is that more students are applying to Middlebury and arriving on campus with the sciences in mind.

"I think that there are more students that are entering the top of the funnel," Cluss said. "And there are certainly more students coming out the bottom of the funnel and winding up here in our classes, and faculty in the sciences are excited about this."

Biochemistry, molecular biology and biochemistry (MBBC), neuroscience and mathematics have seen the largest jump in the number of declared majors. In the fall of 2001, there were 19 neuroscience majors and now, according to Professor of Biology and Director of the Neuroscience Program Tom Root, there are already over 100 declared neuroscience majors in total this fall. Other departments have seen more moderate increases in the last twelve years, but increases nonetheless.

Departments that appear to be flagging in the number of declared majors are computer science and biology, but those numbers are deceptive. When the number of environmental studies-conservation biology students is taken into account, the number of declared majors in the biology

department increases by 17 percent compared to 12 years ago. The computer science department is so overwhelmed with interest in introductory-level classes they have hired additional faculty.

The rise in the number of declared natural science majors parallels an increase in the number of students enrolled in natural science classes. According to data provided by Associate Professor of Physics and Chair

of the Physics Department Noah Graham, the number of students enrolled in physics courses jumped after the completion of McCardell Bicentennial Hall. The six-year average of physics enrollment pre-Bicentennial Hall was 367. The average number of students enrolled in physics courses

in the twelve years since the science building was completed is 498 students.

It was an influence for Deirdre Sackett, '13, a neuroscience major now studying drug addiction and decision-making in rats at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Sackett wrote in an email that, "BiHall is a beautiful, state-of-the-art facility."

It is also tied to an investment by the College in high-quality science faculty; this year the college hired five new faculty members within the sciences. For Sackett, the accessibility of research opportunities and faculty was key.

"Undergraduates receive so much attention from professors in the course of their research - something that is unheard of at large research institutions," Sackett

wrote.

"I owe my aptitude as a neuroscientist to Middlebury's neuroscience program and the amazing professors that helped me along the way."

"I wanted a small school, a good community feel," wrote Hannah Newman '13 in an email. "I wanted to be able to ask my professors ques-

tions in class, have small labs, and feel comfortable going to office hours and saying hello in the hallways. Looking back, I suppose that I saw being a natural science major at a place like Middlebury to be a good thing."

DEIRDRE SACKETT '13

However, for Alison Cook '16, the pull was neither the faculty nor the infrastructure.

"It really came down to the environment I wanted to be in, and the type of people I wanted to be surrounded by," Cook said. "I think sometimes as scientists we get so bogged down in our work that we fail to look at things globally or even holistically. At a school like Middlebury, everyone has a diverse set of interests that they bring to the table."

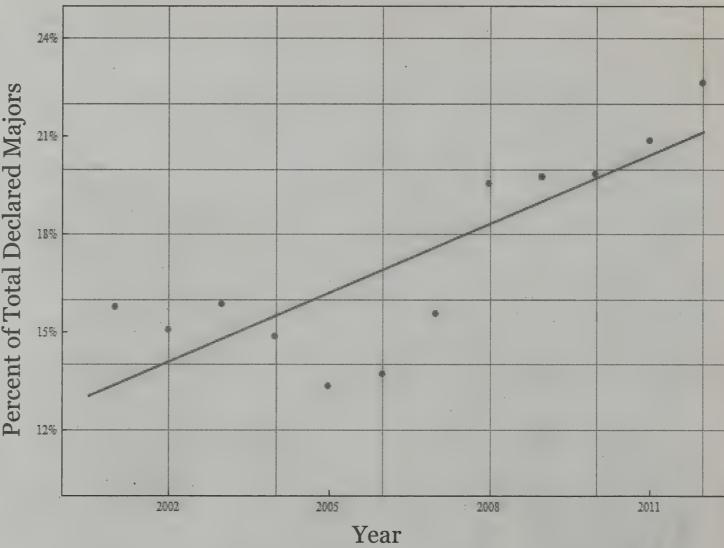
Perhaps, the College has become a more attractive place to study the natural sciences precisely because it is a liberal arts college, and not a research university or a technical institute. Or perhaps, as Cluss commented, the upswing in science majors is part of a larger nationwide trend. Regardless of the driving force, it is apparent that the College has noticed.

"We are still looking to grow our science faculty a little bit next year," Cluss said. "We're adding a position in both physics and in chemistry and biochemistry. The chemistry and biochemistry position will enable us to teach smaller sections in some of our lower level courses, which we see as a way to improve the pedagogy and to create more options for our students as they move through the major."

Having been at the college since 1986, Cluss has seen the potential for some major growth in the science departments throughout the years.

"For those of us that have been here for 25 years it's really been exciting. We've all worked hard for this," he said.

Increase in Science Enrollment



At the turn of the century, enrollment in science classes was in decline. But the new decade has brought an increase in interest.

DON'T MISS THIS

The Living Word Project

Spoken-word poet and playwright Marc Bamuthi Joseph brings his personal history to life in this groundbreaking hip-hop theatre event. The "choreopoem" performance documents nine months of pregnancy from a young, single father's perspective.

9/20-21, 8 P.M., WRIGHT MEMORIAL THEATRE

David Edgar in Conversation

David Edgar, the award-winning playwright of this fall's production of Pentecost, will speak about the use of language in the play. Twelve languages are spoken in Pentecost, a play whose title comes from the Acts of the Apostles. Lunch is provided.

9/25, 12:15 P.M., MCA, SEELER STUDIO THEATRE

The House | Lived In

This unsparingly honest documentary about drug policy in the United States won the 2012 Sundance Documentary Grand Jury Prize. Looking at evidence from both sides of the law, director Eugene Jarecki exposes the injustices and implications of America's War on Drugs. 9/21, 3 AND 8 P.M., DANA AUDITORIUM

Five New Professors Join Science Staff

By Toby Aicher

It can be intimidating to step into a professor's office. With complex computer algorithms scribbled on black boards and overflowing shelves filled with worn books, the causes of intimidation are vast. Speaking with PhDs about their area of specialty and intense focus can be a daunting experience for undergraduates. But at every turn among the mountains of textbooks, the professors here at Middlebury College greet students with warm smiles and a patient explanations. The College distinguishes itself from larger institutions with both the brilliance of its professor and the enthusiasm of these instructors to engage with students and transmit their immense

The five new professors in McCardell Bicentennial Hall continue in this tradition and gladly introduced themselves and their research. Their work ranges from black holes and ultra-luminescent galaxies to the neurons of earthworms, and their experiences traverse the world from remote Indian villages to observatories on the summits of Hawaii. Below is a bio of each professor, although these few paragraphs do little justice to the subject. Students should feel encouraged to seek out these professors, give them a warm welcome, gape in wonder at their scientific projects and discoveries and maybe even take one of their courses.

To meet with Assistant Professor of Physics Eilat Glikman, one must climb to her office on the 7th floor of Bicentennial Hall, appropriately situated closest to the observatory and the stars. This fall Glickman is teaching Intro to the Universe (PHYS0155). After a conversation with Glikman and her enthusiastic elucidation of the universe's mysteries, it is difficult not to marvel at the magnificence of the cosmos. Glikman researches a certain type of galaxy called a quasar. They are the hottest and brightest objects in the universe one reportedly radiates 100-times as much energy as the entire Milky Way galaxy. Large clouds of matter surround the black hole at the center of these galaxies. Matter is pulled by gravity into the black hole and as it falls it radiates intense bursts of energy and heat. In the course of her research, Glickman has used the Hubble Space Telescope and traveled to Hawaii to use the observatory atop mount Mauna Kea. Prior to coming to the College, Glikman taught at Yale University for two years. She has also participated in a local outreach program called Girls Science Investigation, which works to garner interest in the sciences in middle school girls.

The computer science department has hired two new professors this year, Assistant Professor of Computer Science Ananya Christman and Visiting Assistant Professor of Computer Science Christopher Andrews. Christman is teaching two courses this fall, Data Structures (CSCIo201) and Opearting Sysytems (CSCIO314). Christman focuses her research on computer algorithms for graphs and networks. At Wake Forest — where she taught for three years prior to being hired here at the Col-

lege — she worked with students on several projects including a computer algorithm to determine the shortest and most reliable route into downtown Washington D.C. She worked for a community organization in Harlem that helped underprivileged women learn basic computer skills required for employment. She also traveled to India and taught English to women in rural villages.

Andrews is teaching The Computing Age (CSCI0101) and Computer Architecture (CSCI0202) this fall. Andrews recounted that although he grew up around computers and his father's software company, his primary interest had been in theater. In college, he doubled majored in theater and computer science. For several years after college he was employed as a theater and event technician. He worked on a number of projects that included theater productions, boxing matches, corporate meetings, and television shows. Andrews previously taught at Mount Holyoke for two years and Knox College for four years. His research focuses on information visualization. Specifically, he works on facilitating the use of large, 50 foot high resolution screens and he developed a new analytic environment for large displays called Analysts Workplace. Andrews is also interested in Generative art, and would one day like to possibly teach a J-term course in computer-generated artwork.

Assistant Professor of Chemistry An-Gayle Vasiliou, new to the chemistry department this year, is teaching General Chemistry II and Quantum Chemistry this semester. Before coming to Middlebury, she taught at MIT while finishing her Post Doctorate. Her research focuses on the chemical processes behind clean and renewable biofuels, which are anticipated to be an important energy source in the next century. While at the University of Boulder for her Ph.D, she worked at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and worked with the particle accelerator at Berkley. Vasiliou also participates in local outreach to interest kids in chemistry called explosions days and hopes to possibly host an event on campus for students.

Assistant Professor of Biology and Neuroscience Professor Glen Ernstrom taught for a year at two fellow NESCAC schools, Bates and Bowdoin, before coming to Middlebury. Ernstrom researches the neurogenetics of round worms. He first became interested in round worms while researching them under Martin Chalfie at Columbia University, who later won the Nobel Prize in chemistry. Ernstrom analyzes how individual genes are linked to the function of the round worm's nervous system and biological clock by mutating genes and observing the behavioral changes.

"After working with students in these first few weeks, and thinking about the possibilities about what I can do as a teacher and researcher, my walk to work turns into an all out run," Ernstrom said. "I am so happy to have landed here."

Each of these professors promises to be valuable additions to the faculty in Bicentennial Hall.

THE **22.** REEL CRITIC

By Oakley Haight

Blue Jasmine is a distortion and finally an erosion of the familiar Woody Allen character study, a film that is smart and unrelenting, but flawed. This is still a movie inseparably tied to Woody Allen the jazz soundtrack and the basic Allen idiosyncrasies remain. The titular Jasmine (Cate Blanchett) is, in short, the extreme end of any upper-class socialite who has ever inhabited a Woody Allen movie. The difference is that Jasmine is quickly processed through a gauntlet of public humiliation from which she cannot recover. For better or worse, this is the rare Allen film whose tragic ambitions are not at all masked by his comedy.

Jasmine's husband Hal is a manifestation of the Madoff scandal, an exceptionally rich man who does undefined rich man things professionally, a rich man who goes to prison for corrupt financing, where he hangs himself. Jasmine leaves New York for San Francisco to live with her working-class sister Ginger (Sally Hawkins), only

after having a mental breakdown, found talking to strangers in the street.

Hal had been with other women for years, taking most of Jasmine's social circle to bed at one point or another and it takes Jasmine years to discover the obvious. She has trapped herself in a social fantasy wherein lies are the normal mode of discourse. Hal tells friends that he fell in love with the name Jasmine — of course her given name is not Jasmine but Jeannette; her very name is a fallacy created in a socio-economic fantasyland.

Allen opens in the precise fashion that I have in discussing his film; that is, with Jasmine as the center of attention and Ginger trailing somewhere behind. Indeed, Jasmine and Ginger are first presented as a dichotomy of social forms. Jasmine has forever been outfitted as the superior. Even the sister's adoptive parents preferred Jasmine. Ginger often remarks upon Jasmine's "superior genes," a statement which is important for Ginger's selfimage of inferiority. Ginger's presence becomes more palpable as the film proceeds, as she emerges from her perception of Jasmine as the better one. There is a sense of balance in their lives - Jasmine defines her success against Ginger's failures and vice versa. Jasmine's nervous breakdown is somehow necessary for Ginger's life to Jasmine's psychosis comes from her lost social status, but more broadly from the fact that she cannot freely manufacture a personality any longer; that is, she cannot buy a personality. It is the collision of fantasy and reality: Jasmine behaves how the Woody Allen pseudo-intellectual is expected to behave in the situation. In short, the death of Jasmine's social status effectually kills the whole person.

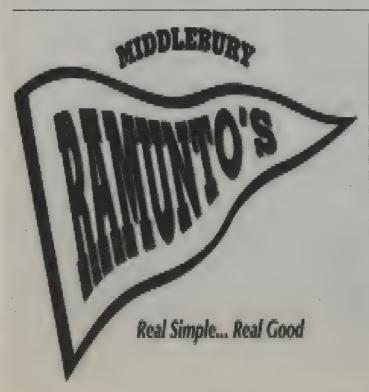
This is a messy, important theme that is not wholly original, but is astonishing in the hands of Woody Allen and Blanchett as Jasmine. Without Blanchett, *Blue Jasmine* simply could not exist. Jasmine's tragedy might easily have been maudlin by a lesser actress; Blanchett's work collects and congeals all the emotions of the movie.

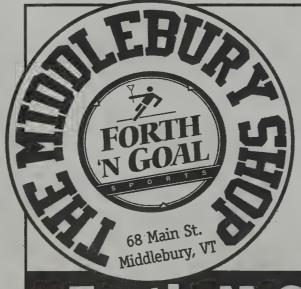
Blanchett comes close to reconciling Blue Jasmine's major flaw – the movie ends before it begins. Jasmine is given to us whole in the first scene; her ultimate psychosis is the first thing we learn about her. Jasmine tries to pull herself back up the social ladder, but the attempt is for not against Allen's essential truisms: the high-class Jasmine cannot really do anything to regain her wealth, because she obtained it by luck to begin with. The stakes are lowered because we know the outcome.

And while Blanchett is flawless as an unstable woman who has lost herself, Allen does not find tonal balance between who got his start as a stand-up c and Woody Allen, the dramatist.

her performance and the rest of the cast -Blanchett is so dominating as a depressive force that Allen's sparse comedy feels out of place. Allen's musical selections work as a microcosm for the whole movie. Highly dramatic scenes are juxtaposed with the happy Dixieland jazz that Woody is famous for - there is no suggestion of humor on the screen, yet here is the same smiling Woody Allen music we've heard for years. There's additionally a bizarre amount of recycled clichés from past Woody Allen movies -Blue Jasmine is inescapably peppered with Woody's lines and his presence. Jasmine pops Xanex at random intervals throughout. Jasmine, Ginger and friends eat some "bad clams" at lunch just as characters always seem to do in Allen films. Blue Jasmine really might be watched as one big inside joke, constantly referencing the rest of his canon - both genius and slightly in-

Blue Jasmine is a clever tapestry of satire and tragedy, at once a culmination of Woody Allen's filmography and a deviation from it. The problem is that Allen's ambitions for high tragedy require more than the Woody Allen structure minus jokes. His actors succeed in making sense of his complicated screenplay, but do not resolve the convoluted balance between Woody Allen, who got his start as a stand-up comedian, and Woody Allen, the dramatist.





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Panthers Exact Revenge on Camels

By Alex Morris

Almost one year after Connecticut College ended Middlebury's nine game unbeaten streak, the Panthers were able to enact revenge with a 1-0 victory on Saturday, Sept. 14. Middlebury followed up with a 10-0 victory over Norwich on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

While Saturday's victory definitely brought a feeling of retribution for Middlebury's returning players, cocaptain Lindsay Kingston '14 felt that it also signified something more important.

"There was definitely a sense of the need for redemption among the returners for this year's [Connecticut College] game," Kingston said. "However, the large incoming class created balance that focused more on the present and less on our loss from last year. In the end it was not the redemption that made Saturday's win so great, but the fact that we, as a whole team, had just won our first game of the season on our home turf and with a number of our newcomers making a major impact on the field."

Play started off in a frenetic manner and the fast tempo caused several turnovers. Middlebury tried to control the game with patient passing in midfield, as head coach Peter Kim barked instructions to keep the ball moving forward and "break the line."

Middlebury had several opportunities in the first half including hitting the post and a scramble in the box in the 39th minute after the initial shot had been thwarted by Camels keeper Bella Hall. The Panther's breakthrough came with one minute left in the half. The Camels defenders were caught sleeping as Julia Favorito '14 lifted a cross from just outside the box to find Scarlett Kirk '14 unguarded. The powerful forward was able to coolly slot the ball into the left-hand corner.

Middlebury came out of the break lifted by the first half performance and looked to immediately pick up where they had left off. Adrianna Gildner '17 was involved in the early action first directing a cross into the box that was headed just wide by Hannah Robinson '16 before just minutes later being unable to convert a cross from Kirk. Jamie Soroka '16 was also denied twice by the crossbar in the space of 10 minutes, with the Panthers in the box unable to finish off the rebound.

The last 20 minutes became an unsettled affair as neither team could keep the ball for very long. The Camels grew into the game in the last 10 minutes as they pushed for an equaliser. They almost got one, as Leah Salituro ripped a shot towards the top right hand corner, but rookie Kate Reinmuth '17 produced an impressive save as she was able to get a hand onto the ball and tip it over the crossbar. Connecticut College's attack came too late as Middlebury showed calm and composure in the final minutes.

Despite struggling to find the back of the net against the Camels, the Panthers were unable to stop scoring in a 10-0 victory over Norwich on Tuesday, Sept.

17. Middlebury enjoyed a rampant first half, scoring eight goals, before scoring two more in the second half for a 10-0 win.

Kirk netted a hat trick; the senior is now tied second all-time in goals scored in program history with 35 career goals. Favorito also played herself into the record books, as three assists bumped her into third all-time in assists with 18.

Underclassmen Soroka, Krystina Reynolds '17 and Gildner all found the back of the net with two goals each. Gildner and Reynolds scored their first goals a mere 43 seconds apart from one another. Reinmuth, meanwhile, recorded her second consecutive clean sheet.

While Kim wants to continue working on being better at keeping the ball and converting more chances, he felt that the relatively young team is starting to integrate well.

"We're a team that prides itself on taking care of one another," Kim said. "Team chemistry is extremely important to who we are and how we play, and I think that new players are doing extremely well."

Middlebury will return to action against Bowdoin on Saturday, Sept. 21.



PAUL GERAR

Hannah Robinson '16 sends in a free kick in Middlebury's 1-0 win over Conn. College.

Rugby Teams Cruise in First Action of the Season

By Owen Teach

Looking to build on a successful run in last season's Division I-AA Rugby Championship, the Middlebury College Rugby Club (MCRC) opened its fall 2013 campaign by playing host to the University of Massachusetts (UMass) on Saturday, Sept. 14. Despite not cracking the UMass try zone until late in the first half, the Panthers managed to pull away with four tries and a penalty kick to secure a 28-12 victory, placing them on good footing to start the Eastern Collegiate Rugby Conference (ECRC) season.

A festive atmosphere surrounded the rugby pitch on Saturday — something forward Ben Stasiuk '13.5 says is a welcome addition to the Middlebury rugby culture. The student pep band and a sizeable group of supports greeted MCRC for its season-opener.

"I think that was arguably the biggest crowd I've ever seen in a game at Middlebury," Stasiuk said. "I think that it's our move up to Division I and

our presence on campus; overall we've worked to have a good, strong presence and support for the team has grown because of it."

Fullback Allan Stafford '13.5 echoed Stasiuk's comments.

"Based on our four years here, [crowd support] has grown a lot," Stafford said.
"As a player, it definitely makes an impact to hear a lot of crowd noise that makes for a 16th-man atmosphere."

On the field, one of the most noticeable changes in the fall 2013 edition of MCRC is the bruising play of the forward line. In the team's two tune-up games during the Granite Cup at Dartmouth on Sunday, Sept. 8, and again this past Saturday, the Panthers' beefed-up front line impressed Stasiuk.

"We are massive compared with years past," he said. "We actually have the biggest front pack I've ever seen at Middlebury. A lot of guys took our summer fitness program very seriously: Cliff Alexander '15 dropped weight and got really fit while Charlie Kunze '15

(a former defenseman lineman on the football team) switched full time to MCRC."

While the front line played a strong game, transition to the speed players on the outside wings was one area that Stafford found fault with after the win against UMass.

"We weren't getting a clean ball out to 10-man Adam Schreiber '14 and we were also having a lot of trouble getting it wide," said Stafford.

That said, Stasiuk spoke to the team's decreasing reliance on the speedy backs as MCRC demonstrated physical dominance in the contest.

"It's a different game now," he said. "Traditionally, we relied on our backs to get most of the job done in terms of scoring points. Now that we have this new pack and some relatively new spots in the backs, our game has shifted to the point where it's more forward-oriented and we're using our forwards more offensively than we did in the past."

Despite the commanding score line, Stafford believed it could have been a more lopsided result.

"We were in control the whole time, but we just made it harder on ourselves and had trouble finishing," he said. "We could've easily scored two or three more tries given that we made several mistakes in front of the try line."

Stafford, however, was satisfied with his team's methodical win. By virtue of scoring four tries in the game, MCRC also received an additional "bonus try point" in the ECRC standings — something that could take on additional importance if the season comes down to the wire. Last year, Middlebury clinched the ECRC regular season crown over Boston College (BC) after securing more bonus points than

The impact of the bonus try earned on Saturday may become apparent in late November and early December of this year, as a change in MCRC's conference format this season will see the team competiting for a potential National Championship then, instead of in the spring in years past.

Next Saturday, Sept. 21, MCRC faces off against American International

College (AIC) — one of the four Division I-AA programs in the nation with a varsity program.

On the women's side, the Middlebury College Women's Rugby Club (MCWRC) romped to a 79-5 victory against St. Michael's College B-Side on Saturday, Sept. 14, in a tune-up game for the start of the New England Small College Rugby Conference (NESCRC) season next weekend at defending conference champion Bowdoin.

In fact, Bowdoin was the team that eliminated Middlebury by a score of 10-5 in the NESCRC last November, thereby taking the conference's automatic bid into the Divion II National Championship in the spring. For captains Emily Duh '14 and Sarah Minahan '14, the game at "St. Mike's" was a chance to regroup before NESCRC play.

"After graduating nine seniors last spring, we were ready for this to be a rebuilding year to train new players," said Duh. "Going into the St. Mike's game, we were really just looking for a strong base to build our season on. That being said, we were impressed with the strong offensive, and especially with how our rookies played."

Seven different players recorded tries for MCWRC, with Duh converting the kick on eight of the team's 11 overall tries.

"We have a lot of talented players on the team, and had tries coming from a variety of players in many different positions," Minahan said. "Notably our centers, Stevie Durocher '15.5 and Duh accounted for 41 points between the two of them and I'm definitely excited to see the rest of their seasons. We also had a number of players scoring their first career tries, always a great way to start the season."

Next week against Bowdoin, the team looks to build upon the positive strides they made in last November's defeat.

"Bowdoin has a talented team, but we're feeling confident about the players we have and our ability to play well together," Duh said. "We're going to work on holding our defensive line and making great tackles this week in practice, and with that I think with that we'll be ready for a great game this weekend."



INTHEA VON VIRAGH

Fullback Allan Stafford '13.5, with forward Laird Silsby '15 close in tow, attempts to pass a UMass defender in MCRC's 28-12 win. The Panthers play AIC this coming Saturday, Sept. 21

Alex's Assertions

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF

A first win for Middlebury in the tournament history is huge. Women were also solid.

FIELD HOCKEY

They scored a lot of goals. It seems pretty impressive.

WOMEN'S SOCCER Finally got the win against the Camels they deserved. Revenge

MEN'S SOCCER Still a long way to go to proving they're "the best team

is sweet.

in the NESCAC." **CROSS COUNTRY** An absolutely dominant

performance, but it was to be expected.

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VOLLEYBALL The NESCAC champions opened strongly.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RUGBY Bigger challenges are yet to come for the club teams.

THE MIDDLEBURY Panthers Blank St. Lawrence as Fowler Nets a Pair of Goals

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praise from her captain as a sleeper All-American candidate.

"[She] makes everyone on the team look better," said O'Brien on the effect of her ball control and passing on the game.

The Saturday game progressed comfortably for Middlebury, and Theiss drew a small roar from the one hundred and twenty-five fans in the bleachers when she redirected a hard shin-high blast from Kuzma upward and past the Camels' keeper for Middlebury's third goal. Connecticut College finally found an answer after Middlebury conceded a corner and the Camels connected for a rebound goal. Fowler, last week's NESCAC Player of the Week, fired off a number of heavy shots from the arc, but the Connecticut goalkeeper made a series of acrobatic saves. Eventually it was Theiss, who persisted and scored the next two goals for Middlebury, that earned a hat trick and ensured the team's win.

Sunday presented a different challenge for the Panthers, as the game was the continuation weather-suspended match against St. Lawrence. Despite the delay, the team rolled to a commanding 4-0 victory. Kuzma scored her first Middlebury goal to give the Panthers a halftime lead, and Bridget Instrum '16 added her own before two set-piece shots from Fowler iced the

Although the Panther defense denied St. Lawrence from getting a shot on goal. the game was anything but stress-free for

goalie Coash, in cage for the first time at Middlebury. Coach Katharine DeLorenzo called an emergency goalie tryout on Saturday night to find a replacement, and two hours of blocking, kicking and flopping later Coash earned the starting nod. After surviving the game easily, teammates Madeline Despins '15 and Anne Entwisle '15 could laugh with Coash about her

impeccable positioning and always-ready hands as the rest of the Panthers kept the ball far from her net.

Now, boasting a spotless 3-o start to the season, a tough away contest against Bowdoin looms as the first major test of this gritty, balanced Middlebury team. The teams face off in Maine on Saturday, Sept.

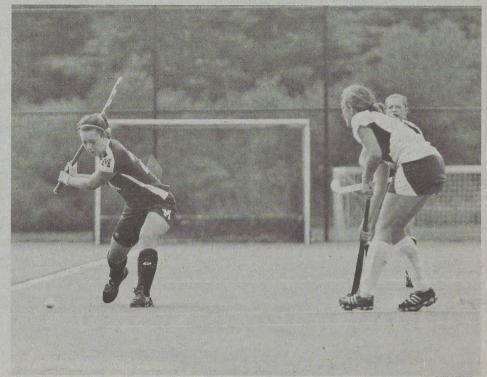
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First-year Alex Kuzma '17 winds up in preparation to strike the ball to a teammate.

Cross Country Teams Dominate Home Course

By Gabe Weissman

On Saturday, Sept. 14, the Middlebury Cross Country teams hosted the Aldrich Invite, the only home meet of the season. The women raced against teams from Norwich University and St. Michael's College while the men only battled Norwich. The races saw both teams sweeping their competition convincingly. This year's Aldrich Invite also featured alumni teams in the race.

The women kicked off the day with a strong win, scoring the fewest points they could with 15, as a lower score denotes a better position. Saint Michael's scored 50 points for second while Norwich scored 84 to take third.

Alison Maxwell '15 led the charge, winning the five-kilometer race in 18:28. She was followed closely behind by Sarah Guth '15, rookie Erzsie Nagy '17, Kathereine Tercek '16, Katie Rominger '14 and Summer Spillane '15, all finishing within 15 seconds of one another. The Panther ladies ran closely with one another through the first parts of the race until separating slightly in the final stages of the race.

Coach Nicole Wilkerson believed that the close finish shows how strong the team

"[Saturday's results] showed that we are capable of having a tight group finish within only a few seconds of each other," said Wilkerson.

On the men's side, Middlebury and Middlebury alumni swept the top 15 places, scoring 15 points to Norwich's 50. Six-time All-American Jack Davies '13 returned to his old stomping grounds to win his second Aldrich Invite, finishing the eight-kilometer race in 25:46. Behind Davies was a pack of his former teammates, comprising Kevin Wood '15, Nate Sans '14, Greg Krathwohl '14 and Wilder Schaaf '14.5. Wood crossed the finish line in 26:17 with his three teammates less than 10 seconds behind. Sam Cartwright '16 finished in sixth place with 27:00 to round out the scorers for the Panthers.

The group of Davies, Wood, Sans, Krathwohl and Schaaf ran tightly for the first three miles. With two miles remaining in the race, Davies took off and gapped the pack. The Panthers displayed good discipline working together for the remainder of the race until stringing out slightly towards the very end.

Captain Schaaf was optimistic about the team's performance and praised the runners' composure.

"The team ran really well as a whole, everyone was able to find someone to run with and work off of," Schaaf said. "[Davies] being there wasn't much of a problem. You're going to have some races now and then when a pro runner is going to come in and just throw down the gauntlet. It is in our responses to these situations that man shows its mettle."

The Panthers travel to the Catskills next Saturday, Sept. 21, to race at Bard College before travelling to Williams the following weekend for the Purple Valley Invitational, facing their first encounter with NESCAC teams.

With larger fields looming, Wilkerson remains confident about her teams' packrunning strategy.

"We will continue to hone that strategy through out the season, which will be more of a challenge when the fields are larger," Wilkerson said. "From what I am seeing and what I know, we are going to have a great year with both squads."

Volleyball Sweeps Johnson & Wales Tournament

By Mary Claire Ecclesine

The Middlebury women's volleyball opened the 2013 season with four wins at the Johnson & Wales Tournament, Friday Sept. 13, and Saturday, Sept. 14. Not only did they acquire the victory over all four teams they competed against in the tournament, but they did so in dominant fashion, winning each contest in a 3-0 shutout.

Notable moments in the first game included senior Captain Amy Hart '14's nine kills and Piper Underbrink '15's eight on 11 attempts. Further contributing to the offense was senior Captain Megan Jarchow '14 who added seven kills and Kathryn Haderlein '16 who led the team with 32 assists. Defensively, Lauren Alper '16 kept the team in points with eight digs while first-year middle hitter Melanie English '17 finished with a pair of blocks. The Panthers made relatively easy work of the host school, dropping Johnson and Wales 25-14, 25-18, 25-19.

"Our first win felt great," English said. "It was great for the team to start off with a solid three-set victory on the JWU's home court."

Jarchow shined again during the game against University of New England, the first game of a Saturday triple-header, adding nine kills and six service aces. Defensive specialist Alper excelled as well, sprawling for 15 digs on the defensive side. The Nor'Easters gave the Panthers their biggest scare in the first set, taking 21 points before Middlebury closed out the set. The Panthers surrendered just 32 points over the final two sets en route to their first victory of the day.

English had another strong performance against Wheaton College, earning eight kills and accumulating an .889 hitting percentage. Underbrink led the squad with nine kills, followed by Olivia Kolodka '15 and English with eight apiece as Middlebury made quick work of Wheaton in three sets (18, 12, 18).

The last game of the tournament was another shutout in which senior captain Megan Anderson '14 hit .727 with eight kills to lead the team against Mount Ida. Lizzy Reed '15 contributed nine kills and first-years Gabi Rosenfeld '17 and Hannah Blackburn '17 recorded seven kills and five digs, respectively, joining English as firstyear players making immediate impacts.

"Our first-year class is extremely strong this year," Alper said. "We have two middles, an outside and a right side hitterall front row positions—so their presence has already made an impact in the front row."

The game-readiness of the first-year class and the improvement of the teams returners will help ease the departure of a talented senior class that included 2012 Defensive Player of the Year Caitlin Barrett '13 as well as Second Team All-NESCAC right hitter Julia Gibbs '13.

"We may have lost some great volleyball players, but the team really hasn't skipped a beat," Anderson said. "We have returners who have stepped up to fill the shoes of the graduating seniors and we have a lot of depth in our team that will allow for competitive practices."

The 4-0 start is the first step in a season full of promise for the 2013 squad, which believes the biggest opponent to back-toback NESCAC championships and a fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance is themselves.

"There is no one particular team that we

see as our greatest competitor this year," Anderson said. "Teams change from year to year, and we have to go into every match this season with equal intensity."

The team opens its NESCAC schedule on Saturday, Sept. 21 against Colby in Pepin Gymnasium.

The number of total strokes by Rob Donahoe over two rounds of golf during the Middlebury Invitational. shot the lowest round in the field.

The number of goals scored by first-year Pam Schulman '17 in Saturday's game against Connecticut College.

The number of consecutive batters retired by Koji Uehara at time of press.

The number of sets lost by the volleyball team in four matches at the Johnson & Wales tournament.

The total point differential for the Seattle Seahawks in their past two

games agains the San Francisco

The Goal that Broke the Camels' Back

By Joe MacDonald

The tenacious defense of the Panthers resulted in 1-0 victory and the first career clean sheet for keeper Ethan Collins '14 on Saturday, Sept. 14 at home against Connecticut College.

Coming off a weeklong reprieve due to a rainout on Wednesday, Sept. 11 the Panthers were eager to even their record after last week's heartbreaker at Amherst. Middlebury applied steady pressure in the

first half, outshooting the Camels 6-1. In the 18th minute Harper Williams 15 served up a beautiful cross from the right side that was broken up by the Camel keeper. Finally, 37 minutes into play, Court worked very hard and Lake '16 sent a free kick into the box that was headed home by Deklan Robinson '16 for his first goal of the season.

felt that Deklan Robinson had the game winner, especially since he had 2

goals called back for no apparent reason in the 1-1 draw last year against Conn," Collins

The Camels refused to roll over. attempting four shots in the second half to

Middlebury's zero, but were unable to make a breakthrough Collins finished with three saves in net.

"Collins played very well and I was delighted for him to get the clean sheet," head coach David Saward said. "He has worked very hard and his efforts were well rewarded. He played steadily and showed an authoritative yet calm presence for the team."

"It felt great to get my first clean sheet, but it was definitely a team effort," Collins

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said. "Everyone fought hard for the 90 minutesespecially our back line ... I'm really excited to be starting in goal this year

... My freshman year I made it my personal goal to get the starting job and I've been putting the time and effort in ever since. It feels amazing to see the hard work pay off."

Seven first-years saw **DAVE SAWARD** their first game action **HEAD COACH** after being forced to sit out last week's tilt because

of mandatory MiddView orientation trips. Greg Conrad '17 and Adam Glaser '17 played all 90 minutes, with Conrad attempting one

"I thought the first-years all performed

very well ... in addition Luis Echeverria '17 did very well in the all important midfield area ... I do know they were all excited to get a competitive match in [after missing last week's match]," Saward said.

"As soon as I stepped on the field, I was surprised by how quickly and physically the match was being played," Echeverria

said. "Nevertheless, I was happy with my performance and, most of all, I was happy to help the team get the win.

Middlebury continues conference play next Saturday, Sept. 21 at Bowdoin where the Polar Bears will be led by first-year coach Scott Wiercinski, Middlebury class of 1999.



Ethan Collins '14 makes a save against Conn College on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Tennis Opens with Strong Start to Fall Play

By Stephen Etna

The Middlebury men's tennis team hosted the Middlebury Invitational on Saturday Sept. 14 and Sunday Sept. 15, drawing competitors such as NESCAC foes Trinity, Bates, Wesleyan and Tufts, while the women's team traveled to Williams for the Lindsay Morehouse Invitational.

The men posted a strong showing in early season individual contests. Despite the surprising early round exit of 1st singles Alex Johnston '14 in the A Singles Division, Middlebury's other entrants in the A flight performed exceptionally well.

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In a dominant display, Teddy Fitzgibbons '14 dominated his first round opponent, Nikola Telkedzhiev of Tufts, in straight sets. Fitzgibbons in particular impressed with his clinical play up close from the service line and the net, constantly creating different shot angles and stymieing any attempts from his counterpart to hit a shot with any weight.

"Overall, it was great to be back on our home courts competing with the rest of the guys on the team," Fitzgibbons said. "I certainly fed off of their energy and played well all weekend.

Brantner Jones '14 also handily beat his

first two opponents, before falling to his teammate Fitzgibbons in the semifinals. In the finals of the A flight, Fitzgibbons overcame a 1st set holdup to eventually defeat Jay Glickman of Tufts 1-6, 6-3, (10-7) for the singles championship.

In other flights, Palmer Campbell '16 of was fantastic in the B singles flight, cruising through the entire field in straight sets, before finally besting teammate Courtney Mountfield '15 in the finals. The sophomore appears to be in great form early in the season, a good sign for the already formidable men's tennis team.

Before the day was over, Mountfield would get a bit of friendly "revenge" over Campbell, as he and his doubles partner, Ari Smolyar, would win the A doubles field over Jones and Campbell in a closely contested matchup, (9-

In the women's tournament, players hailed from Williams, Middlebury, Vassar, Bowdoin and Skidmore, with the weekend matches played in a round robin format, crowning no champion.

The women Panthers, nonetheless, had a strong weekend, with a few individual performances standing out. In the top women's singles flight, Ria Gerger '16 earned a win in the finals over Kara Shoemaker of Williams. Also of note was Katie Paradies' '15 advancement to the final in the second flight, as well as the undefeated doubles pairing Margot Marchese '16 and Jennifer Sundstrom '17 in round robin play.

Gerger believes that the tournament is a good starting point for the women Panthers.

"The tournament was a good way to see what we still need to work on, but also to see how well we are doing," Gerger said. "This was

just a glimpse of what we have to offer this fall and spring."

The men will host the Intercollegiate Tennis Association New England Regional Championships Sept. 27-29. Last year at Williams College Campbell advanced to the semifinals and Johnston reached the quarters. The women will head to Williams that same weekend to compete in the ITAs as well, where last year Gerger placed second.

PANTHER SCOREBOARD

WOMEN'S SOCCER vs. Connecticut	1-0 w	A big win for the women who get their first conference victory
MEN'S SOCCER vs. Connecticut	1-0 W	Erases the sour taste from last week's match with Amherst.
FIELD HOCKEY vs. Connecticut	5-1 ^w	No Greer? No Problem. Fockey looks strong early on.
VOLLEYBALL @ J&W Tournament	9-0 w	A clean sweep for the Panthers who won three separate matches in straight sets.
MEN'S GOLF @ Home	596 1st	Duke Nelson Tourney is 30 years old. First win in history.



ALEX MORRIS (3-1, .750)



DAMON HATHEWAY (114-103, .525)





JOE MACDONALD (1-3, .250)

Will the men's soccer Win/Draw or How many tries will the women's

Lose against Bowdoin on Saturday? rugby club record at Bowdoin this McCallum Foote '14 in Football's weekend?

Over/Under: 350 yards for

season-opener at Bowdoin?

Which American League team will claim the second Wild Card spot?

WIN/DRAW The Polar Bear aren't looking too hot right now. Time for the Panthers to pounce.

ONE Tries are really hard to score.

OVER What does this even mean?

TAMPA BAY Had to phone a friend for this one. Anyone sensing a trend with my knowlege of American sports?

WIN/DRAW We should really ivestigate editorpick record inflation. #thanksOxx

TWO If only for the sake of completing the stairway we've got going on

UNDER Mac threw for 285 yards against Bowdoin last year. Bowdoin was tough against the past last year and this one should be over early.

CLEVELAND The Indians play a cupcake schedule the rest of the way: 10 of their 11 games are versus the Astros. White Sox and Twins.

WIN/DRAW Bowdoin always gives this team trouble, but I just have a feeling.

THREE 79 points against St. Mike's this past weekend??? Video game numbers.

OVER He's going to make it rain in Maine.

CLEVELAND No one else seems to even want it.

WIN/DRAW with the vets. Panthers are about to

get hot.

FOUR First-years seem to be meshing well I don't know how many points a try is worth, so I went with one more than Owen.

The question could have been 500 and the answer would be the same.

TAMPA BAY I've had them as a playoff team all year. Texas is crumbling; Cleveland has no pitching.



Field Hockey Improves to 2-0 in Golf Teams Finish **NESCAC** with Romp of Camels First and Second

By John Wyman

Middlebury christened their home turf on Saturday, Sept. 14 with a convincing 5-1 victory over Connecticut College before the next day dismissing St. Lawrence by a score of 4-0 on the road on Sunday, Sept. 15. The first-year players inspired optimism in their return from their Middview trips, while returning leaders Katherine Theiss '14, Catherine Fowler '15 and Ellie O'Brien '14 played with punishing effectiveness. On Sunday, defenseman Cassie Coash '15 displayed her new talent between the pipes in her first career start in goal.

The impressive weekend assuaged initial concerns that Middlebury would falter after losing the on-field services of

prolific scorer and two-time NESCAC Player of the Year, Lauren Greer'13. Greer now serves as assistant coach, providing a steadying presence to her former teammates and new players.

On Saturday, first-year forward Pam Schulman '17 made clear that new class of Panthers would play a significant role in rebuilding the team. Right from the opening whistle, Schulman charged skillfully down the right wing and clanged a running shot into the low left corner of the goal. About five minutes later, a nifty backhand centering pass from Theiss earned Middlebury a corner and Schulman found the noisy backboard of the goal once more. Schulman came inches from finishing the game with her first career hat trick, but a scoop

shot banged high off the cross bar.

"There was a big crowd in front of the net, and before the game coach DeLorenzo told me that if I see space up high to go for it," Schulman said.

Middlebury also cheered the strong performances of first-years Olivia Jurkowitz '17 and Alex Kuzma '17, who each tallied an assist, and Lauren Beresteckic '17 who repeatedly threatened with her speed down the wing and forced Conn. to commit several costly fouls. Josie Trichka '17 and Lily Taub '17 also contributed good minutes.

Meanwhile, veteran Panther players, especially Theiss, Fowler, and captains Deidre Miller '14 and O'Brien have already stepped up into new leadership roles this season. O'Brien praises the scrappiness of individual players like the aforementioned Berestecki, and likens her current team to a determined group of "little engines that can."

With the all-time record goal scorer Greer limited to coaching, the team has responded in hydralike fashion, with talents Theiss and Fowler already showing a powerful scoring appetite in her absence on the field. O'Brien showed a mastery of the defensive midfield position, stymying any potential rushes as they came and effectively distributing the ball up field. Not including set pieces, the Camels were only able to produce one shot on the Middlebury goal. Electrifying junior midfielder Alyssa DiMaio '15 worked well with O'Brien on Saturday, drawing

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By Kevin Yochim

The Middlebury men and women's golf teams enjoyed successful tournaments Saturday Sept. 14 and Sunday, Sept. 15. The men hosted and won the 30th Duke Nelson Invitational at the Ralph Myhre Golf Course while the women finished second in the NYU Fall Invitational at Spook Rock Golf Course in Suffern, N.Y.

The men finished with a score of 596, narrowly edging out runner-up Clarkson (597). It was the first time in the history of the tournament that Middlebury has captured the title. Williams (599), Salem State (602) and Hamilton (603) rounded out the top five. The Panthers sat in second after day one, just a stroke behind Hamilton. On Sunday, however, the team shot a solid 304 and withstood a charge from a surging Clarkson.

"It was really exciting golf played across the board," Coach Bill Beaney said. "A one-shot win when we're talking about nearly 600 strokes really highlights what every shot can do."

Rob Donahoe '14 captured medalist honors, finishing with a total of 139. He shot two-under 68 on Saturday, becoming the only one of the 114 golfers to break 70. He followed it up with another top round on Sunday, shooting 71 and beating out Salem State's Cameron Daley (141) for the top spot on the leaderboard. It was the lowest two-day total in the history of the tournament.

Max Alley '14 and John Louie '15 tied for 21st place overall with scores of 151. They were followed by Chris Atwood '14 (155) and Eric Laorr '15 (158). Because the Panthers played at home, five other Panthers played

the tournament as individuals, most notably Fitzgerald Bowen '17 (152).

"It was a great win for the team," Donahoe said. "I think playing on our home course made us comfortable with certain shots other teams found difficult. The course can get tricky at times and I think we managed to stay out of the troublesome areas for the most part."

In the women's tournament, no team came close to catching winner Williams (625). However, The Panthers (652) were able to overcome an eight-stroke deficit after day one to narrowly overtake host NYU (653) on Sunday. Mount Holyoke and Amherst finished in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

Jordan Glatt '15 led the way for the Panthers, shooting 156 and finishing with a tie for sixth place overall. Monica Chow '16 (158) was close behind her, finishing in tenth place. Michelle Peng '15 and Theodora Koch '17 tied for 22nd place with scores of 171, with Koch impressively shaving seven strokes off her day-one total. Caroline Kenter '14 shot 176 to finish out the Middlebury squad.

"I was proud of the team because of our ability to improve over the course of the weekend," Glatt said. 'Coach [Mandigo] does a great job inspiring the team to do better. He always stresses that every stroke

The women play in the Mount Holyoke Golf Invitational Saturday, Sept. 21 and Sunday Sept. 22, while the men travel to participate in the Williams Invitational, a warm up to the NESCAC Qualifier, which takes place at Bowdoin the weekend of Sept. 28.



Forward Bridget Instrum '16 dribbles against Connecticut College.





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MEN'S SOCCER SHUTS OUT CONNECTICUT COLLEGE